



1979 Merrillvue

Merrillville High School

Merrillville, Indiana

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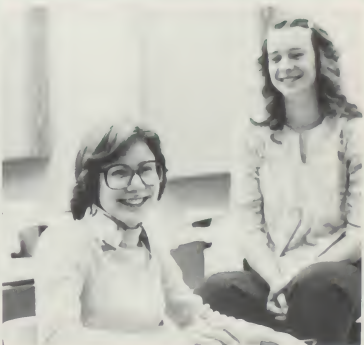


Finding a place . . .
a place to be yourself

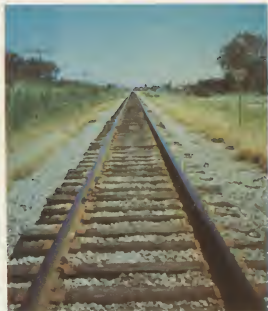




School gives us a chance
to discover ourselves . . .
to be ourselves







Finally... home-land and no longer a child... expanding new boundaries for freedom... excitement of independent travel... defining new boundaries... and... of landscapes... and beyond...



Hazy days, sleepless nights
dreaming of what could be
and of what will be . . .



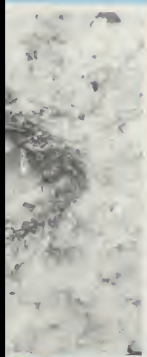
Freedom . . . to pick our own
friends, our jobs, our
futures, and
our own fates . . .



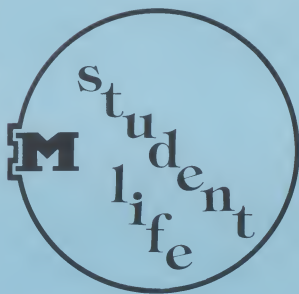
crossroads . . . end of one world.
beginning of another . . . but no
matter what the path, or the
twists and turns it takes, we
shall all find our way . . .



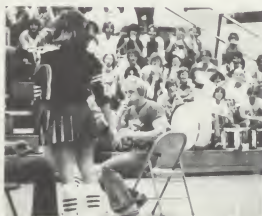




Hallways jammed with passing students ... lockers stuffed with old assignments and friends' books decorated with special pictures and momentos ... buses filled with sleepy passengers ... car engines whining as student lots become crowded ... early morning arrivals sit crosslegged in groups, cramming for tests or just talking ... waiting in endless lines for lunch ... pep rallies, spirit sticks ... hoarse voices from last night's game ... purple and white seen through hazy eyes ... bells resounding freedom at 2:46.







Homecoming-Excitement!

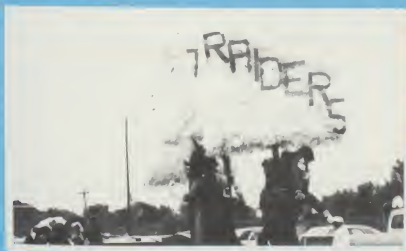
The 1979 Homecoming festivities were celebrated with great excitement and anticipation from the students. The festivities began with Spirit Week in which students wore unusual dress each day. Thursday, in Homcoming week was celebrated by the parade and the games that took place. Friday night, a pep assembly was held in the gym. There was lots of cheering and singing that night. The students and their friends were the main attraction. The pep assembly was held in the gym. There was lots of cheering and singing that night. The students and their friends were the main attraction. The pep assembly was held in the gym. There was lots of cheering and singing that night. The students and their friends were the main attraction.



From "Gangster" to "A-Team" (left to right) and "The Godfather" (right) were some of the costumes worn during the Homecoming week. The students were very creative and had a lot of fun.



and Enjoyment for Everyone ...



students and faculty members the Homecoming parade, in their own way. Top left: The Senior powder girl team gets "pepper" up" on their first during the Homecoming parade. Top right: Joseph De-
 stine, a student leader, Homecoming Queen, Parade
 Treasurer, with a kiss. Middle left: Senior
 Kathy Muro put finishing touches on the Junior

the Spanish flag. Middle right: Julie (Cassidy) and
 Kathy Muro put finishing touches on the Junior
 class float. Bottom left: Junior float H.O.R.K. (The
 RAJAGS) was built by the Junior class. Bottom
 right: The 1988 Homecoming parade. A group of
 dancers, Alex, Frank, Gaudin, James, and
 Thomas, and Kaitie, James.

sophomore production:

On the evenings of November 16, 17, and 18, the Sophomore class presented the play, "The Mouse That Roared." The play was a success, giving many aspiring sophomores their first taste of acting in Reinhart Auditorium.

Under the direction of Mrs. Christoff and student director Jennifer Toby, the play was set in the fictional country of Grand Renwick located somewhere near France.

The small country, upset over a duplication of a vital export wine declares war on the United States in retaliation. They finally compromise a deal after capturing American prisoners and trading them for a powerful bomb.



Upper right: Grand Fenwick has captured the bomb. Middle right: Kim Akers is putting makeup on Pete Nommensen. Middle left: The President of the United States (Bryan Reinhart) and Mr. Benson (Pat Jones) are talking about losing the war. Bottom right: People from New York are having a conference about defence weapons.



"the mouse that roared"



CAST

(in order of appearance)

Tully Bascomb.....	Pete Nommenson
Jane.....	Becky Zaradich
Mary.....	Diane Sovljanski
Fran.....	Dawn Loda
Pam.....	Amy Englebright
Ann.....	Carrie Grose
David Benter.....	Jef Irons
The Count of Mountjoy.....	Alan Sierkowski
Page.....	Kim Akers
The Duchess Gloriana XII.....	Tracy Otterbacher
Mr. Beston.....	Pat Jones
Miss Johnson.....	Tania Hallam
Assistant.....	Becky Zaradich
Professor Kokintz.....	Dave Robinson
Mrs. Reiner.....	Leslie Houchin
General Snippet.....	Mark Lipton
Wac Debbie.....	Janis Wilson
Wac Jill.....	Diane Sovljanski
Pres. of the United States.....	Bryan Reinhart
New York Announcer.....	Mike Malenoc
Professor Smith.....	Diane Iannessi
Soldier One.....	Mike Malenock
Soldier Two.....	Doug Robinson
Will Tatam.....	Paul Smith
Student One.....	Larry Lewandowski
Student Two.....	Garry St. Martin
Girl.....	Corine Chartier
Man.....	Larry Lewandowski
Miss Wilkins.....	Jennifer Toby
Mrs. Bascom.....	Yvonne Garza
Norma.....	Laurie Canchola
Helen.....	Janie Harper
Announcer.....	Doug Robinson

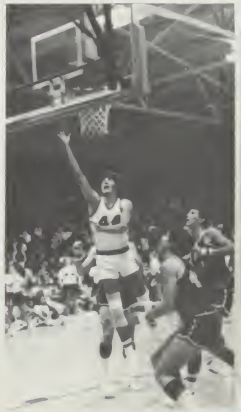
Bottom left: Citizens of Fenwick look on as men return from war. Middle left: Americans being captured in Central Park at Columbia University Campus. Upper left: Mr. Benston, the President of the United States, General Snippet (seated) and Professor Kokintz. Upper right: Mr. Benson (Pat Jones) and Miss Johnson (Tania Hallam) receive declaration of war.

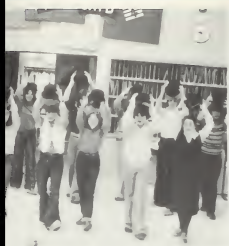


winter

There were really problems and impossible words for describing the winter. The most important word for winter people was snow. Though it seems to be the common and universal word for winter, late buses and cars were not in line in the snowy amount of snowfall and extreme cold. In some, snowmobiles seemed to be the only form of travel.

Indoor sports were popular with basketball dominating weekend and young girls sports continuing on during the week. Weekend skiing was popular due to the occasional snowfall. At a great many, students prepared for that they would find in the snow. Others would have been in and out of the snow, making it a winter sports.



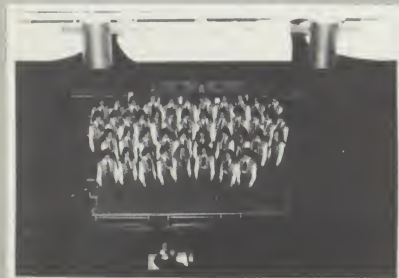


Christmas time at Merrillville!

On December 6 and 7, the M.H.S. Music Department presented its 25th annual Christmas concert.

Under direction of Frank Meltzer they entertained the audience, performing such numbers as "Legend of the Kings" and "March of Toys" with the pom pon girls performing a variety of dances. Performances by the Girls Glee Club and Concert Choir proved both nights to be resounding successes.

Top right: Concert Choir performs one of several arrangements. Middle right: Frank Meltzer directs concert band. Middle left: Girls Glee Club. Bottom right: Band members Dave Robinson, Jeff Christiana, Brian Bowman, and Rick Foor prepare for concert. Bottom left: M.H.S. Concert Band.



M.H.S. graduates midterm students



On Wednesday, January 17, the midterm graduates of 1979 participated in graduation ceremonies.

Of the 111 students graduating, many attended the Senior Breakfast supplied by the school and prepared for the upcoming event. After a record snowfall delayed ceremonies three days, Master of Ceremonies Mr. Schuyler made his final address to the graduating class and Superintendent Schrenker made the presentation of the diplomas.

Left: Principal Mr. Schuyler takes attendance at Senior Breakfast. Right: Senior John Szfranski gets measured for his cap and gown.



Donna Szczepanski Albee
Ron Bajza
Debbie Ballard
Denise K. Ballard
Roxanne Marie Balluch
Margaret J. Barbauld
Vera Frances Barnett
Jeffery Jay Basco
Patricia Battistini
Ingrid Annette Becker
Anita Bedella
Christopher William Brown
Karen Lynn Bukur
Kimberly Lynnette Burke
Michael Wayne Burke
Jacqueline Rene Burris
Corby Lynn Chartier
Royce Sherman Chenore
Mary Jayne Clark
Simone Renee Clark
Kathy Ann Dillon
Donald Wayne Doring
Ellen Mary Dorin
Charles Dress
Joyce Lee Eldredge
Edward William Fraikin
Mary Elizabeth Frey
David Garcia
Barney Allen Glass, Jr.
Karen Ann Gonzalez
Donald Eugene Gorgas III
Jovanda Joanne Guska
Mark D. Gust
Thomas P. Hansbury
John Edward Hargens
William Edward Hargrove
Barbara Ann Hasek

Linda Gail Hayes
Perry J. Herzog
Paul Andrew Hirjak
Karen Hodggers
David Richard Howe
Frank Gene Hunter
Michele Marie Jaracz
Clifford A. Jenkins
Bonny Jovic
Brenda Kay Johnson
Jo Ann Johnson
Fred D. Karrle
Phil J. Kendera
Lisa Ann King
Mara Kragulj
Sandra A. Krampen
Lynne Krayniak
James F. Landers
Cheryl Ann Lape
Lori Lynn Laviolette
Diane Michelle Lecik
Rebecca Lea Libician
Kathy Lucas
Sylvia Jean Macchea
Elizabeth Maniatis
Dale A. Mattingly
Hope Kathleen McPherson
Anthony Lyle Monzulla
Dorothy Jean Morigi
Patrick B. Murphy
Barbara Kay Murray
Deborah Sue Nelson
Kathleen Marie Nemerget
Laura Denise Noeholson
Troy D. Pawlak
April Christine Petroff
Laura Lynn Petroff

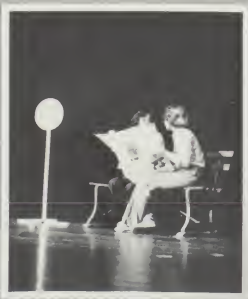
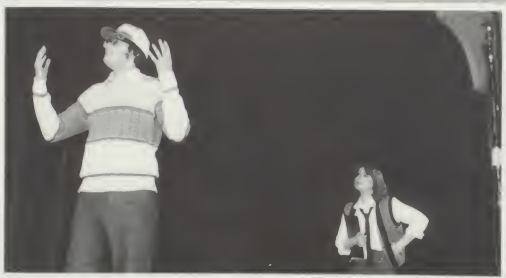
Kathleen M. Pipas
Nivia Luz Plaza
Gail Marie Pollak
Mary Ellen Powell
Dennis Pratt
Elizabeth Ann Price
Victor Neville Rachford
Karen Denise Fryar Radford
Crystal Joy Raehl
Jeffrey T. Reeves
Linda Vera Rork
Deborah Ann Rose
Kimberly Ellen Sadowski
Penny Ellen Sappenfield
Roland Schiller
April Colleen Schilling
Terese Schramm
Theresa Ann Schreiber
Mark Edward Scott
Teresa Dawn Snelgrove
Kathleen Jo Spurlock
Drew Szocka
Claudia Ann Talley
Lynn Nannette Thomas
Barbara Tica
Michele Annette Tomondi
Cindy Wilson Tompkins
William N. Tompkins
Kathleen Marie Uthenwoldt
James L. Vargas
Peter L. Vlassopoulos
Luanne Vuyakovich
Robert Dean Weismann
Judith Ann Weissert
Debra Ann Wiles
Robert Henry Wyllie II
Julie Yiankes

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

This year's "Review '79' Presents That's Entertainment" was, as usual, very successful. After many auditions, the performers were picked, and soon after they began to create many enjoyable acts.

Sponsor, Mr. Morrow, assisted by student director, Jenny Toby, combined their creative ideas to make the show "better than ever."

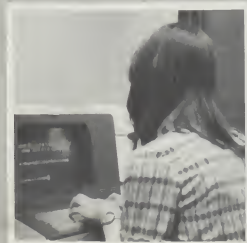
Some of the acts included 61 minutes, singing performances, a magic act and many more delightful skits.



Upper Right: Roger Tuckek and Tim Dieffenbach.
Middle Right: Jim Dimos and Dorothy Hickman.
Lower Right: Lori Grabek. Lower Far Right: Kim Akers and Desanne Smolnicky. Upper Left: Garry St. Martin and Dawn Loda. Lower Left: Mary Ann Lindgren and Ann Dunkelberger.

A CHANGE OF PACE

Merrillville High School has tried something new this year, Activity Day. Every other Wednesday after second hour the students go to their designated activity for an hour. Some of the activities include running, pottery, make-up class, cooking, computer processing, and basketball. This has been very successful because students get a break from their studies to learn and participate in other activities.



"Mirror" Reflects New Image

Merrillville High School has been without a school paper since 1975. At the end of the first semester, Mr. Woods, sponsor, interviewed students and a class was formed for the second semester. Under the leadership of Editor Larry Lavery, the work began to produce the Mirror. With the cooperation of the graphic arts department, four issues were printed and sold. The Senior Edition was the final publication which included class wills, class election results, sports, and baby pictures. With very little background in journalism the newly formed staff did an excellent job in producing a quality paper and a class has already been formed for next year.



Upper Right: Bottom Row: Carla Waters, Karen Mackanos, Pam Wade, Stephanie Ciesielski, Middle Row: Paula Buggie, Liz Eates, Lynnne Gabrici, Janis Wilson, Bob Barnes. Top Row: Ray Martinez, Denny Bennett, Larry Lavery, Don Snemis, and Bill Souronis. Middle Right: Don Snemis and Donna White. Lower Right: Lynnne Gabrici. Left: Catherine Carija.



Soccer Team Fights For Rating

Merrillville's soccer team, coached by Mr. Holubec and assistant coaches Steve Jasnic and Tom Metlovsky, had a fine season. Although the team is not considered a sport but an extracurricular activity right now, they are fighting hard to get it rated as an M.H.S. sport.

The coaches held practices three times a week for two hours each. The boys worked very hard and are looking forward to playing again next year.



Upper Far Right: Theo Manglis plans his next move. Middle Right: A Merrillville player kicks the ball away from an opponent. Lower Right: The team runs off the field after a victory. Upper Left: Jim Dimos tries to steal the ball from his opponent. Lower Left: Theo Manglis prepares to score.



Spring

The very thought of Spring brings about the pleasant aspects of life. Students shed their winter wear as the warmth of the sun melts through, leaving a season of which was always planned a year out. After two spring sports weeks, inevitably toward their home. It was a time when the club students performed the members they worked on in class. Then there was Prom, the highlight of the year. In the years to come, students will look back on these high school days and remember the best moments of Spring.





Murder and Suspense Come to Merrillville

Mystery and comedy were combined in the Merrillville High School junior/senior class production of "Any Number Can Die," which was held the evenings of April 26, 27, and 28 in Reinhart Auditorium.

The Fred Carmichael play described four murders that took place in an island mansion and the two elderly detectives who, in their first case, try to determine "who dunnit?"

Raging storms, unexpected visitors and sliding panels add to the fun and suspense of the play set in the 1920's.

Serving as play director was English teacher Linda Christoff, with Lisa Jansen acting as student director. Other committee chairmen Edna Machnik, Michaelene Hamang, Beth Maddack, Kaye Oliver, Joy Koen, Bryan Reinhart, Roger Tucheck, Dorothy Hickman, and Marty Castellanos completed the many backstage details.



Upper right: Cunning Roger Masters, played by David Bedella, provides a surprising ending for the other characters. Middle left: The house maid, Zenia, played by Mary Bishop, seems to be the detectives' prime suspect. Middle right: Alas, another body! Lower left: Chuck and Judy, played by Jim Pappas and Mary Ann Lindgren, tell the tale of the strange events that followed the death of Cedric Russell.





Cast of
 "Any Number Can Die"
 By Fred Carmichael

Chuck
 Judy
 Zenia
 Roger Masters
 Celia Lathrop
 T.J. Lathrop
 Edgars
 Ernestine Wintergreen
 Sally Van Viller
 Carter Forstman
 Jack Regent
 Hannibal Hix
 Student Director
 Director

Jim Pappas
 Mary Ann Lindgren
 Mary Bishop
 Dave Bedella
 Michele Beverly
 Tim Dieffenbach
 Jim Dimos
 Dorothy Hickman
 Kathy Gruber
 Dave Lavery
 Bill Hutson
 Garry St. Martin
 Lisa Jansen
 Linda Christoff

Upper left: Detective Hannibal Hix, played by Garry St. Martin, loads his revolver to prepare himself for the case. Lower right: Cast and crew relax as they dine at the Western Pancake House.





PROM 1979

Off come the Levis ... on come the tuxedos and new gowns ... beautiful flowers ... dinner at 11:30 ... music all night ... crowning of king and queen ... lacy garters exchange places for a kiss or two ... post-prom ... picnics the next day ... an event to remember ... PROM.

The Greek Hall, transformed into a "Castle of Dreams," was the spot chosen for the 1979 prom. Couples danced to the music of "The Crystal Tones". Crowning of king, Chris Roark, and queen, Tina Wiggins took place before dinner. Dinner was served and Post-Prom began. That was the easy part—prom really begins about four weeks earlier.

Girls start to look for the "just right" dress and a charmed garter to match. When this is done, guys strive to find the tuxedo to match perfectly. The tickets are bought and last minute things are ordered. Then, on the day of prom, couples do various little jobs such as waxing cars, getting hair styled, picking up flowers and making sure plans are set. Now, the rush is on! There's that last look in the mirror and it's time to leave. Stopping at the parents' homes for the picture routine ... turning into the parking lot, taking ten minutes to remember where the bids are. Now a night of dining and dancing. Stopping for breakfast or spending a few hours at a friends house. Six a.m., there goes the alarm! Time for the last part of the prom, the picnic.

Couples went to places such as Turkey Run, Pokegan, or to Great America. Finally after two days of non-stop activity and fun, the dance that everyone has waited for is over; but the memories remain forever.

Upper Right: Prom Court: Randy Gonzales, Greg Lilly, Joe Orlich, Chris Roark, presiding king, Scott Wiggins and queen, Paula Thorsteinson, Gail Callender, Tina Wiggins, Gloria Summers, Tammy Gulotta and Laura King. Middle Left: Tammy Nelson and Jim Tomko. Middle Right: Jill Moore and Eric Anderson. Bottom Right: Beth Ekaitis and Gino Burelli.



PROM 1979



Upper Left: Theresa Kubacki and Diane Smith. Middle Left: Renee Long, Kathy Harris and Theresa Sweat. Lower Left: Chris Roark and Tina Wiggins. Upper Right: Chris Roark and Tina Wiggins. Lower Right: Marty Castellanos and Joy Koen.

And The Winner Is ...

Awards Night is held annually in May to award and recognize those students who have performed and given that extra effort to their scholastic and extra curricular activities. The program, changed from its usual daytime slot, featured guest presenters from the Merrillville community. Individual scholarships, merit and organizational awards, as well as department honors, perfect attendance certificates, and honor graduate standings were announced.



Distinguished Musician Certificate
Jeff Christiana
Suburban Federated Women's Clubs
Garry St. Martin
Voice of Democracy Winners
Michele Beverly, Carrie Grose
Mary Bishop and John Dimos
Kappa Kappa Kappa Fine Arts
Terry Schuster and Mary Eich
Beta Rho Chapter of Kappa Kappa Kappa
Jeff Christiana
Hugh O'Brien Foundation Award
Dirk Hutchison
Danforth Foundation Award
Jeff Sanok and Ann Dunkelberger
Indiana University Foreign Language
Vickie Evans, Andrew Kelner,
Betsy Shrader, Rosalie Thalman,
Eden Capuli, Joan Kacmar, Paul Olesh
Scholastic Arts Gold Key
David Scott
Northern Indiana Association of
Show
Steve Johnson, Shari Isolampi
Nancy Vrtikapa, John Carnielli

Silver Medal, Hammond Regional Art-
Science Fair
Debbie Schoon
Art Merit Certificates
Karen Sohovich, Cathy Premil
and Jennifer Echterling
Boys State Delegates
Memo Dalkilic, Robert Dunklau
Boys State Alternates
Gerald Christoff, Jeff Sanok
Girls State Delegates
Ann Dunkelberger, Susan Niemeyer
and Eden Capuli
Girls State Alternates
Patricia Homeier, Paula Tully,
and Kathleen Jannasch
All American Hall of Fame for Band
Linda Jaroschak, Lorraine Beres,
and Jeff Christiana
Outstanding Yearbook Staffer
Carol Wright
Outstanding Newspaper Staffer
Carla Waters
Media Fair
Bryan Reinhart
Washington Workshops
Gene Kezy, Jeff Sanok

Special Recognition Awards

American Legion Outstanding Senior
Michael Geske and Sandy Sekerez
John Will Andersen Foundation
George Sarikos and Mark Sebben
DAR Good Citizen
Doreen Merrill
Elks Most Valuable Student
Steve Shuman
Future Teachers of America Award
Vicki Kappas and Sherri Malocha
German American National Congress
Debbie Homeier
Times Safety Essay Contest
David Dakich and Margaret Peschke
Times Most Valuable Staffer
Larry Lavery
Jill Jaskolka Memorial Scholar
Margaret Peschke
Merrillville Chamber of Congress
Sandy Johnson
Meri-Glen Kiwanis Summer Police
Camp
Felice Arrendondoo
National Math Award
Richard Johnson
National Merit Finalist
Mary Dalton
Century III Leader
Jim Dimos
Optimist Oratorical Contest Winner
Alan Sierkowski
Post-Tribune Most Valuable Staffer
Kathy Kassabum



Upper left: Senior Jeanne Guba captures an English award presented by Mrs. Spurr. Center Post-Tribune representative Mr. Grey presents The Most Valuable Staffer Award to Senior Kathy Kassabum. Lower left: Senior Jennifer Echterling is congratulated by Mr. Schuyler. Opposite, top: Co-salutatorians Mike Geske and Sharon Allen and Valedictorian George Sarikos receive honors from Principal Schuyler. Opposite, below: Outstanding Yearbook Staffer went to Senior Carol Wright for her contributions to the 1979 Merrillvue.

Students Honored for Their Extra Effort



Summer Institutes

Indiana Association of Certified
Public Accountants

Mary Ann Lindgren
Ball State Speech Pathology
and Audiology

Sue Barton and Margaret Peschke
Notre Dame Career Discovery in
Architecture

Tom Drabik
Indiana State Honors Program in
Radio-TV

Felice Arrendondo

Department Awards

Art
Jennifer Echterling, Steve Johnson
and Shari Isolampi

Business
Doreen Merrill, Mille Ivetic,
and Sandy Johnston

English
Mike Geske, Jeanne Guba

Foreign Language
John Ratulowski, Tod Harmon
Sheila Valle, Mary Ann Dalton

Home Economics
Brenda French, Connie Cooper

Industrial Arts
Attila Hertelendy, Vernon Jones
and George Kouskoutis

Mathematics
Sharon Allen

Music
Garry St. Martin, Jeff Christiana

Physical Education
Rosemarie Shooter, Andy Speer

Science
Rose Maginot

Social Studies
Michele Beverly, James Dimos
and Steve Shuman

Perfect Attendance
Three Years

Sophia Antic	Charles Hardt
Debbie	Tod Harmon
Buchfuehrer	
Sandra Johnston	Anthony Virgo
Mary Oljace	Ann Rempler
Jenny Echterling	Larry Surowiec
Matt Handley	Eugene White

Two Years

Dale Adams	Dorothy Bliznakoff
William Brebrich	Jeff Dietrich
Darren Dixon	Ann Dunkelberger
Ruth Fiebelkorn	Marcia Flacable
Tom Drabik	Joe Tyler
Michaelene	Tom Gyftakis
Hamang	
Colin Harms	John Radjen
Edna Machnik	Mary Beth Gans
Kevin Stevens	Jeff Lozinski
Richard Pluth	Kelly Volk
Jeff Fratzke	Lin Roszkowski

Pat Doyle

Scholastic Letter Winners

Seniors

George Sarikos	Sharon Allen
Michael Geske	David Lavery
Mary Bishop	April Davidhizar
Mary Ann Dalton	Sandra Johnston
Sandy Sekerez	Rose Maginot
Doreen Morrill	Debbie Wiles
	Jennifer Echterling

Juniors

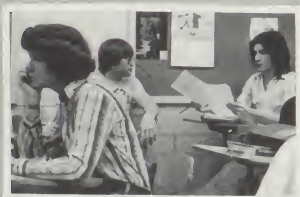
Linda Lepley	Patricia Homeier
Jeffrey Sanok	Mary Ann Lindgren
Darlene Sekerez	Gerald Christoff
Paul Olesh	Ann Dunkelberger
Memo Dalkilic	Joseph Podolski
Paula Tully	Eleni Korakakis
Donna Johnson	Susan Niemeyer
Kathryn Puntillo	Jeffrey Nixon
Steve Gratto	Susan Hardt
Tamara Nelson	Linda Ruble
	Marcia Flacable

Sophomores

Patricia Dudak	Rene Charbonneau
Theodora Poponas	Tom Higgins
Paul Smith	Dirk Hutchison
Kim Vickroy	Michael Malenock
Melissa Dzyacky	Maria Kyles
Douglas Robinson	Julie Ban
Cynthia Cone	Nancy Holderman
Tim Short	Marjie Fabrica
Wendy Sum	Mark Amaya
Andy Speer	Barbara Helwig
Kathleen Huber	Earl Capuli
Mark Lipton	Michael Daniel
David Janizek	Mark Bublitiz
John Dimos	Biliana
	Manivilovski
Sean Clapp	Laura Eich
Mary Kine	Linda Johnston
Eugenia Juloski	Rosemarie Shooter
Greg Kouvelas	David Robinson



Ditch Day, Final Exams and Senior



Breakfast End Three Years of Togetherness

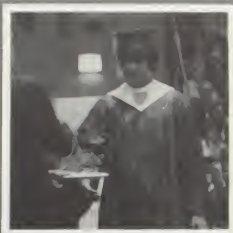


As the school year drew to an end, the Senior class began preparing for the completion of their own high school career. Caps and gowns were distributed in mid-May while the Class of '79 suffered from severe cases of Senioritis and final exam cramming. The final week of school was full of taking tests, paying old library debts and saying so long to Junior and Sophomore friends. Friday, May 18 brought the Seniors back for the annual Senior Breakfast. Sweet rolls and doughnuts were served to the class, who dressed up in their finest for the occasion. The Senior Edition of the Mirror was sold, featuring the traditional last will and testament, along with the results of the Senior voting. Following the breakfast, commencement rehearsal was conducted in the gym under the direction of Mrs. Spurr. Afterwards, the class picked up tickets for graduation and left Merrillville in purple and white streamered cars, horns blowing to announce their freedom. The rest of the day was spent on the beaches as the Class of '79 relaxed a bit while knowing that Senior Week had ended their three years of togetherness.



Upper left: Seniors begin to "chow down" to the bakery goods served at the breakfast. Middle left: Avid journalist Jerry Weinberg closely examines his Senior Edition. Middle right: Bryan Vowell satisfies his cravings by way of a fresh jelly roll. Lower left: Groups of seniors spend their time chatting and reminiscing about the "old days." Above: Charlie Horvath and Muriel Lentini search for a quiet place in the crowded cafeteria.

A Fond Farewell to



Upper left: Dave Lavery accepts his diploma from Dr. Schrenker. Upper right: Seniors chatter endlessly while waiting for the procession to begin. Middle left: One Senior seems to be glad it's almost over! Lower right: Valedictorian George Sarikos addresses the graduates.

PROCESSIONAL	Margie Fabrici Organist
MASTER OF CEREMONIES	Paula Thorsteinson Senior Class President
INVOCATION	Rev. C. E. Isenberg
O MAGNIFY THE LORD	Jean Berger Choir
SCRIPTURE	Rev. Howard Chartier
RELIGIOUS ADDRESS.....	Rev. Michael C. Maletta, Jr.
THE STARS ARE WITH THE VOYAGER.....	Houston Bright Choir
BENEDICTION.....	Rev. Ken Albright
THE LORD BLESS YOU	Peter C. Luthin Choir
RECESSIONAL.....	Margie Fabrici Organist



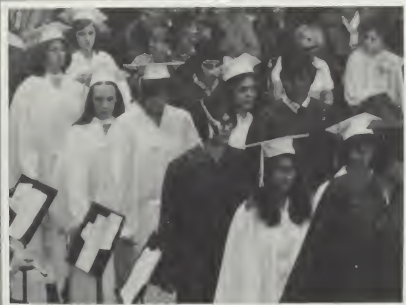
The Graduates—The Senior Class of '79



The graduating class of 1979 was publicly presented at two traditional ceremonies. The Baccalaureate service was held on the afternoon of May 20. The religious occasion featured words of inspiration and prayers for the future by area ministers. The high school choir provided the musical accompaniment to complete the program.

The following evening, true pandemonium took over as frenzied Seniors entered the school as students for the last time. Laughter and a few tears were expended while class sponsors feverishly worked to line up and make last minute touch ups to anxious Seniors. Finally, as the Band struck up Pomp and Circumstance, the two lines of nervous, happy Seniors entered

Engelhart Gymnasium. Proud parents and friends gathered at Master of Ceremonies Paula Thierman's introduction various speakers of the Merrillville community. Speeches by Valetudinarian George Sarkos and Co-Salutationists Sharon Allen and Michael Geske each stressed the importance of individuality and direction in the future to their fellow classmates. The class was then presented to Dr. Robert Schrenker who presented each graduate his diploma. As tassels were turned and caps began to fly freely across the room, the Seniors felt a certain wave of excitement and anticipation wash over them as the program drew to a close. Yes, indeed, the Class of 1979 is now graduated! College, look out!



Upper left: Patti Jonusas helps Sue Spawler to look just right for the big moment. Middle left: Students file into the crowded gym to the steady beat of the Merrillville Band in one of their many performances of the evening. Lower left: Master of Ceremonies, honored students and honored guests rise as graduates enter the gym.



Graduation ... a quick three years
now over ... thoughts of the future,
thoughts of summer ... caps, gowns of
purple and white dotting the gym ...
crying, laughing, partying all night ...
feeling proud ... looking for your par-
ents in the stands ... reminiscing ...
saying goodbye to teachers, and to
good friends ... college, marriage, ca-
reer decisions ... it's finally over ...
good memories to treasure, with many
more yet to come ...







The shuffling of papers in a notebook ... red marks across graded tests ... clicking of typewriters ... hands covered with splashes of paint and ink ... smell of chlorine ... putting on earphones to hear dialogues in the lab ... chalk dust clouds swirl and hang in the air ... the steady hum of the fire drill ... the roar of engines as half day Seniors leave ... the relief of the final bell announcing the end of another class, another day.

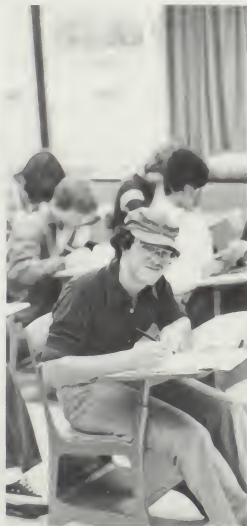


I want YOU for M.H.S. English

When you sign up for English today, you also sign up for a more intelligent way of life. The English Department at Merrillville offers a variety of courses to provide for the needs of all the students. Besides the basic courses of Composition and Literature many other semester and nine week courses are constantly in demand. While some high schools may produce only the traditional benefits, Merrillville adds such courses as Perspectives on Death, Great Detective Stories, Medical Terminology and Kiddie Literature.

Like everything else in school, English is what you make of it. Merrillville's English program could be your chance to get to know an important subject while doing something meaningful for yourself. If you want to find out more, talk it over with your local English Department head. She's listed in the yearbook under Lynch, Agnes.





Upper Right: Mr. Kasarda's Death Class tries to complete their daily assignment. Above: Reading aides work to improve students ability in English skills. Lower Left: English students work hard to achieve a good command of the English Language. Middle: At one time or another every student encounters these English books. Upper Left: Dental Health is the topic of Senior Doug Bade's speech with props. Upper Right: Mrs. Fry and Alexis Thanos discuss a definition in Vocabulary. Lower Right: Mrs. Lynch aids her Advanced Comp students by helping them to organize their notecards.



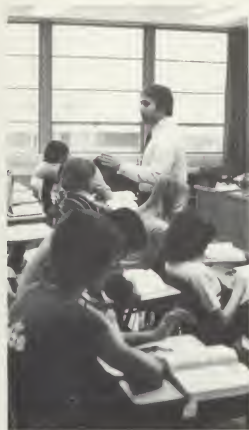
Learn Another Language; Know Another World

In a world composed of people with varied origins and backgrounds, bilingual knowledge becomes an essential part of a school's academic program. The Foreign Language Department at Merrillville offers French, German, and Spanish at various levels, ranging from first year to fourth year. Reading, writing, and conversation are stressed in order for the student to achieve a particular language. Some of the areas that students work on are comprehension and pronunciation and later, novels and in depth cultural reports. Preparing students for the College Achievement Test is an area that is stressed during the fourth year of study. A good background in a Foreign Language can prove to be a good asset in anyone's future career. The Foreign Language Department offers an excellent start toward this goal.



Upper Right: Second year French students obtain extra practice in speech skills by using the classroom labs. Middle Right: Mrs. Callender shows her pleasure with the class's recital. Lower Right: Seniors Dave Vidmos, Todd Harmon, and Marjorie Fields aid Mrs. Callender with a special project. Above: Mrs. Jeffries's third year Spanish students work hard on their daily assignment.

Mixing Business With Pleasure



Preparing students for employment in business offices and providing an opportunity for the student to gain practical experience are two of the major objectives of the business department. In both beginning and advanced typing classes speed and accuracy are stressed. The courses offered by the Business Department range from General Business onward to Accounting and Recordkeeping. Office Machines gives students the chance to run actual equipment used in the office. Finally, Shorthand classes can prove to be a big asset when seeking future employment. The need for qualified people who are well trained in clerical and management skills, is growing larger in the business world today.



Upper Left: Mr. Gland explains a new concept to his General Business students. Upper Right: Typing students work hard to perfect their speed and accuracy skills. Lower Left: Typing is one class that all students need for college. Above: Mr. Mixell grades tests while his class tries to conquer their assignment.

The Shape of Tomorrow is Today

Physical Fitness is an absolute must in this world of constant movement. More and more people are running, jogging, lifting weights and exercising. At Merrillville, the Physical Education Department offers the necessary full year course for Sophomores along with an Elective Course for Juniors and Seniors. In addition to the gym classes, Health and Safety is also offered. In Sophomore P.E., students participate in Physical Fitness testing, Swimming, Archery, Volleyball, and Tennis plus many more other sports. Elective P.E. students are given the opportunity to play individual and dual sports that have greater carry-over value for later years. The Physical Education Department helps to give everyone at Merrillville the opportunity to stay physically fit.

Upper Left: Sophomore Chi Wandral shows his strength during the weight lifting section of Physical Education. Upper Right: Rico Dawson was crowned Mr. September P.E. students and students Miss Grotz and Mr. McCloud. Below: Diving is one of the many skills students learn in the swimming pool.



More to Home Ec. than Pins and Pans



Learning to sew, to straighten, to bake cookies, and to teach a young child a new game are all part of the Home Economic Department at Merrillville. These classes were aimed to teach fundamentals that will apply later as well as now in the bettering of family situations. The Housing and Interior Decoration class planned decorations for the home that was built by the Building Trade class, while Child Development classes were involved each Wednesday in conducting a Nursery School for pre-school kids. Basic courses ranging from Inter-personal Relations Foundations onward to Textiles and Clothing and Food and Nutrition classes were also taught at different levels. Students of the Gourmet Foods class learned how to prepare unusual foods and culinary specialties from around the world. In these days of changing times the Home Ec. courses proved to be a good investment.



Upper Left: Book work is also a large portion of the Foods class as these students have found out. Middle Left: Sharon Yur-hak learns that playing is a very important part of a Child's Development. Lower Left: Culinary skills are learned by all students who enroll in a Foods course. Above: Attaching a waistband, marking a hem, and putting in a zipper are all skills that this student needed to perform to complete her skirt.

History Repeats Itself

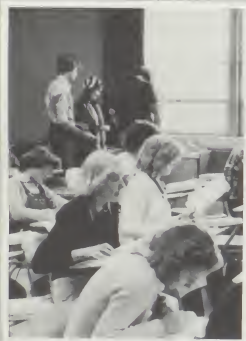
In the courses offered by the Social Studies Department emphasis is placed upon the understanding of various problems in society and upon the student's involvement with these problems and their solutions. While U.S. History, Government and Economics are the basis of the department, many other classes are available to the students. These include Psychology and Sociology, Values and Issues, Careers and Vocations, and History of Wars. Through such courses students can take a closer look into the development of men and nations. So, no matter what the social problem, the solution can be found in the Social Studies Department.



Middle Right: Seniors in Mrs. Mandon's government classes participate in a mock session of Congress. Above: Mr. Talmadge calmly explains a new concept of his Econ class. Middle Left: Mr. Demaree lectures his History students on the Civil War. Middle Right: Bruce Rivera acts as the President Pro-Tempore of the Senate. Upper Right: U.S. History students relax before the bell rings at the end of the hour. Middle: Mrs. Mandon explains to her Government class how to fill out a worksheet. Lower Right: Psychology students test their hypothesis by experimenting with a maze.







Students Applied Basic Skills in Labs



Mathematics and science. Mathematics is frequently associated with a cold, logical, scientific approach to the world. Science, on the other hand, is often associated with the creative, imaginative, and intuitive aspects of the human mind. In reality, however, the two are inseparable. The most successful scientists and mathematicians are those who can combine the logical and creative aspects of their minds. This is why it is so important for students to develop both skills in the laboratory setting. The laboratory provides a unique environment in which students can apply their knowledge and skills in a practical, hands-on manner. It is in the laboratory that students learn to work with equipment, follow procedures, and solve problems. The laboratory is a place where students can develop the skills and attitudes that are necessary for success in science and mathematics.



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Appreciation and Creativity Required

Art is one of the most satisfying classes offered at Merrillville High School. Creating something with your own two hands can be very exciting. These works require talent and knowledge of principles in design and composition. The Art student also needs an appreciation of the many forms of beauty that make up our universe. After taking the required Basic Art Courses, the student may choose from Drawing, Painting, and Ceramics to Sculpture, Commercial Art, and Fibers. These courses provide the student with the opportunity to learn new skills and develop their talent to its highest level. The Art Department allows the students to express their creativity.

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Upper right: Senior John Hebert is caught by our cameras while putting the final touches on his painting. Middle right: Basic Art students work hard to complete an assigned project. Lower right: Painting students all work hard to complete their latest painting. Middle left: Jeff Basco shows his satisfaction for his ceramics project.



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Students Give Their All to Performances

The High School Band is composed of Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors who meet daily in regular rehearsals during the school year. Our Band offers a variety of musical experiences which include a marching band, solo and ensemble activity, stage band, pom pon girls, and symphonic band work. The band competes in all of the State Music Contests as well as sending the students to the All State Band. Three public school concerts are given each year, and various community projects are supported upon request. Many of our students who are involved in the band have received music scholarships to colleges through out the country and many more scholarships seem to be

made available each year.

Both the Girl's Glee Club and the Concert Choir strived to develop vocal technique, musicianship, and a deeper appreciation of music, better performances, and organizational teamwork. The Girl's Glee Club is composed of all Sophomore girls where the Concert Choir is a mixed group composed of Sophomore boys and Junior and Senior boys and girls. Both of these choral groups participate in a number of affairs throughout the year. These consist of tree-lighting ceremonies, combined church services at Easter and guest appearances for organizations. The Merrillville High School Choir students also compete regularly in the

NISBOVA & ISBOVA solo and ensemble contests.

The Vocalteens and Velveteens are specialized performing groups selected by audition only. In addition to performing as show groups in over forty different performances during the year, the Vocalteens & Velveteens sing with the Concert Choir at all their performances. These groups also participate in the NISBOVA & ISBOVA solo & ensemble contests, Lake County Choral Festival appearance at the Southlake Mall and High School Convocations. So whether the students participated in Band or Choir they all gave 110% to all performances.



Upper left: Mr. Meltzer directs the band students during their daily projects. Lower left: Mr. Reinhart explains to his concert choir exactly what he wants them to do. Upper right: The Velveteens are caught while practicing a new routine. Lower right: The trumpet section of the band tries to improve upon their solo.

Insight into Technical and Trade Areas Provided

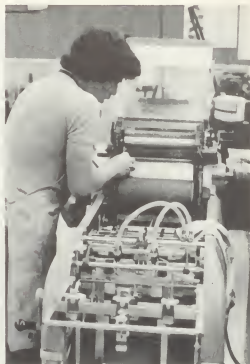
Industrial Arts has an important role to play as a part of general education in our modern society. Each day our work becomes more mechanized and technical with the invention of more labor-saving machines and devices. Many tradesmen and technicians are needed to install, operate and service these modern pieces of equipment.

The student in industrial arts classes is offered an opportunity to acquire some insight into various technical and trade areas. The shop classes are not designed to turn out tradesmen or technicians but are for the purpose of

acquainting the student with various occupations requiring some type of manual skill.

Some of the classes offered in the Industrial Arts Department are Technical Drawing, House Planning & Instruction, Metal, Wood, & Machine Shops, Power & Auto Mechanics, and a variety of courses in electronics.

Classes in Industrial Arts will provide an experience to the students that will have carry-over value later in life, in job situations, in consumer knowledge, or possibly in home maintenance.



Upper right: Junior Jim Hronopoulos is trying to fix a copy machine. Upper left: A group of auto shop students tune up a car during class. Lower right: J.C. Cain looks up while working on a wood shop project. Middle: Senior Dave Ball and fellow students learn different skills in electric shop. Above: Junior Lisa Chadd works on a Graphic Arts project.

Building Trades Learned by a Select Group

The Merrillville Building Trades Class started building the house at 1412 W. 74th Place about 2 weeks after school started and hope to have it finished by about May 20th. The house will be sold by a private corporation at the regular rate along with the other houses being built in the subdivision. The name of this corporation is The Merrillville Community School Vocational Building Trades Incorporated, which is made up of different people who donate their spare time to help.

Two different classes, consisting of 30 students, work on the house during the hours of 1st through 3rd and 4th through 6th. The class is limited to Juniors and Seniors only with no dis-

crimination of sex. The only requirement for this course is Technical Drawing so they can read the blue prints. The Home Ec. classes are also aiding the Building Trades class by helping with the decorating of the house. There are 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, a den, kitchen, and a livingroom. All profit made on this year's house will go into a fund for next year's house.

Freedom seems to be what the class likes best, for it gives them the experience of what it is actually like to be involved in carpentry. All of the students agree that this class will help them in the future in one way or another.







Upper left: The sign in front of the Building Trades house tells it all. Middle left: Tim Trocha does his part by helping to put insulation in the rafters. Lower left: The Building Trade's house at the midpoint of the school year. Middle right: Mr. Bottom assists Junior Chip Burelli in putting up some wallboard.

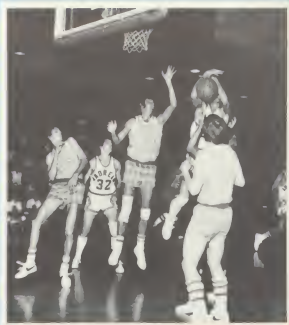
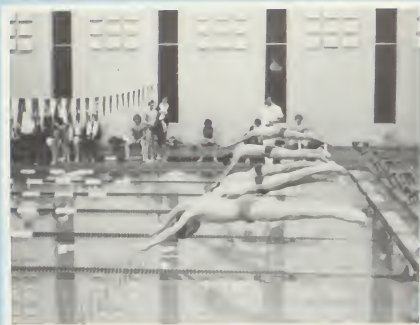
Present and Future Plans Discussed

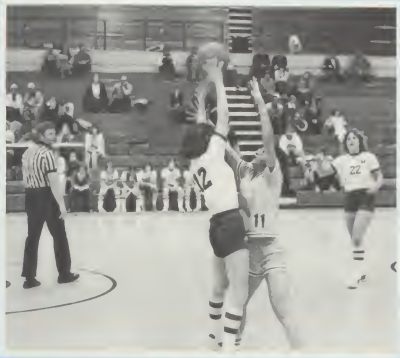


At the meeting, the two women discussed the future plans of the school. The first plan was to build a new building for the school. The second plan was to build a new building for the school. The third plan was to build a new building for the school. The fourth plan was to build a new building for the school. The fifth plan was to build a new building for the school. The sixth plan was to build a new building for the school. The seventh plan was to build a new building for the school. The eighth plan was to build a new building for the school. The ninth plan was to build a new building for the school. The tenth plan was to build a new building for the school.



Miss Mary and Miss Mary are talking to the students in the classroom. Miss Mary is holding a book and Miss Mary is holding a piece of paper.





The thrill of putting on a spotless uniform ... beads of sweat form, coming together and running down a tense body ... practice, every day ... legs, arms, stomachs cramping up ... bruised tendons bruised morales ... crossing the finish line moments before collapsing of overexertion, sliding into home, beating the tag, the gentle swoosh of that last-second basket, the slapping of the water against glistening swimmers, fighting to beat out the competition in the next lane ... pinning a state champ ... driving an unattainable eagle ... serving an ace ... breaking free to make it into the en-zone ... enduring pain and glory, success as well as defeat, making a champion.





.....No Wonder Our Competition...



Upper left: The Merrillville defensive line looks mean as they prepare to cream Tom Peller and his Niners. Upper right: Once again Junior George Bravos proves his skill as a quarterback. Lower left: Head Coach Haupt is caught by our camera while attempting to straighten out his team. Middle right: Junior Mike Kerulis searches for his receiver before passing the ball. Lower right: It's each man for himself during the Battle of Broadway.





Despite a poor start, the 1978 edition of the Merrillville Pirate Football Team proved they could accept defeat and rise above it.

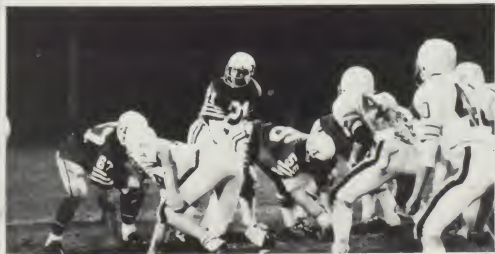
The tradition was broken after dropping the first game to the Hobart Brickies. While on the road, the Pirates rebounded by defeating Lew Wallace, Crown Point, and Chesterton. Still on the road, the Pirates took revenge against the Portage Indians and brought back a 26-13 victory over them.

The Bucs came home for the next four games which included the "Battle of Broadway" with the victory against Andean.

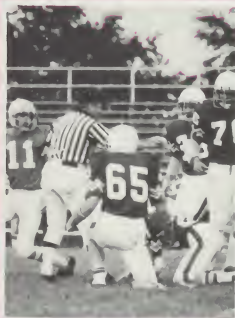
The Pirates celebrated homecoming with a victory over Michigan City Rogers. The remaining home games against Valparaiso, and South Bend St. Joe gave the Pirate fans something to cheer about.

The gridmen wrapped up the season on the road by conquering La Porte 14-0.

..... "HATES US !"



Upper left: Senior Tom Jelesky immobilizes his Lew Wallace opponent. Middle left: Merrillville Pirates doing their thing against Crown Point. Upper right: The spotlight was on Royce Chenore after he intercepted a pass from Michigan City's quarterback. Lower left: Quarterback George Bravos looks to the sidelines for directions before starting the next play.



GOLFERS GET INTO THE SWING OF THINGS



Starting in late August, practice began for the Girl's Golf Team at Summertree Golf Course.

Under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Wiles, the girls opened their season with an inconsistent start; but as the season progressed they gained experience and proceeded to win four in a row. Winding up the season, the girls placed 4th in sectionals.

Special honors were given this year to Jinx Sikora for Best Mental Attitude. Most Improved was awarded to Tammy Nelson and Metalist award was given to Kathy Jannasch.

The daily practice paid off later in September when the girls wound up with a 6-4 season and a 3-3 Duneland Conference Record.

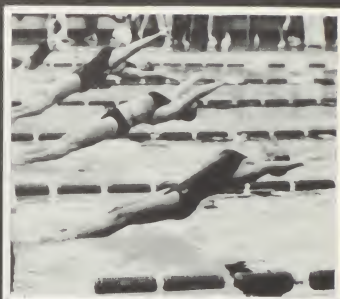
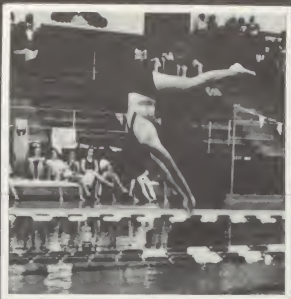


Upper left: Sectional qualifiers for the Girl's Golf Team. Back row: Sue Patterson, Jennifer Wallen, Kathy Janasch, Jinx Sikora. Front row: Kathy Puntillo, Mary Lynn Tombers, Tammy Nelson, Coach Mr. Wiles. Middle left: Senior Jinx Sikora shows her style while performing her back swing. Upper right: Senior Carol Wright hits a long drive during a tough match.



Back row: Coach Mr. Wiles, Carol Wright, Kim McDonald, Kirsten Pederson, Tammy Nelson, Jennifer Wallen, Wendy Sum, Sue Patterson, Kathy Puntillo, Coach Mrs. Wiles. Front row: Lisa Wood, Mary Lynn Tombers, Cary Cross, Kathy Janasch, Jinx Sikora.

TAKE THE PIRATE PLUNGE!



Those who took the plunge all season for Merrillville were quality swimmers, especially in the dual meets, where their season record was 7-3.

The Purple Wave showed much skill by beginning the season with a six meet 'win streak, including victories over arch rival Crown Point, conference foes such as La Porte, Valparaiso, Hobart, and M.C. Rogers.

After dropping their next meet to Munster, the Purple Wave bounced back and defeated Portage. They ended the season with two consecutive losses to S.B. Adams and Chesterton.

School records were broken by Liz Price for diving. Carolyn Stark in the 100 backstroke and Diane Lorenzo in the 100 breaststroke.

Special honors were awarded this year to Loree Lewan for Most Valuable Swimmer. Super Swimmer was awarded to Muriel Lentini and Felice Arredondo with Best Attitude. Most Improved Swimmer was given to Renee Charbonneau, and Sandy Nowesnick was awarded with Most Improved Diver.

This years State Qualifiers were Muriel Lentini, Renee Charbonneau, Loree Lewan, Lynn Thomas, Liz Price, Kelly McLaughlin, and Linda Lesniak.

Upper left: Senior Kathi Stroia performs an inward dive in pike position during a tough meet against Munster. Upper right: Carolyn Stark leaves the starting block while grasping for the lead in her backstroke. Bottom right: Seniors Muriel Lentini and Liz Price show how crazy that water really makes them.



Back row: Liz Price, Sandy Nowesnick, Kathi Stroia, Lynn Thomas. Row 2: Tracy Miller, Denise Regeski, Chris Merrifield, Coach Doug Stebbins. Row 3: Asst. Coach Kathy Dowling, Barb Brislen, Loree Lewan, Monica Attendondo, Diane Lorenzo, Kathy McLaughlin, Renee Charbonneau. Row 4: Felice Arendondo, Tammy Geimhart, Linda Lesniak, Kelly McLaughlin, Muriel Lentini, Lisa Lewan. Bottom row: Dana Zaradich, Debbie McCloud, Carolyn Stark, Rose Shooter, Kathy Cooper, Barb Helwig.



Tennis: The One For Sun!

The 78' Netters of Merrillville High swung their way to a disappointing 5-10 season this year. But just because they did not have a winning season, Pirate fans did not lose all faith in them. Coach Banas stayed with them through the good and bad and was very proud of his team.

The Netters did manage to defeat several teams including Hobart, River Forest, Michigan City Rogers and Chesterton twice.

Special Honors were given this year to Andy and Tod Spear as Most Valuable Players. Most Improved was awarded to Mark Mumaw and Best Mental Attitude was given to Bernie Campbell.



Front row: Neil McAnally, Danny Halsted, Steve Gratto, Rich Christia Back row: Coach Banas, Steve Toigo, Bernie Campbell, Mark Mumaw, Andy Spear, Tod Spear



Upper left: Mark Mumaw takes his last breath during a tough match. Middle right: Neil McAnally and Rich Christia anxiously await the serve from their opponent during their doubles match. Lower right: Senior Steve Toigo shows great skill while performing his backhand.



We really move our tails for you

The 1978 Merrillville High School Cross Country Team had the potential this year of having an outstanding season. They had quality but lacked depth. Many of the runners became ill or injured and finished the season with a .500 record.

The five runners that lasted most of the season were Don Maddock, Steve Sicula, Jeff Sanok, Bill Gallo, and Paul Metten. Vic Rashford was lost mid-season due to injuries.

Most Valuable Runner was awarded to Don Maddack. Greatest Improvement was given to Steve Sicula, and Best Mental Attitude Bill Gallo. The dual record for the season was five wins and seven losses.



Upper left: Junior Steve Sicula runs past a group of spectators during a dual meet with Hobart. Upper right: Don Maddack shows his speed and ability as he runs and runs and runs ... Middle left: A sprinkle a day helps keep Vic Rashford's opponents in the rear.



Back row: Coach Miller, Jim Luckewicz, Jeff Sanok, Bob Daniels, Bill Gallo, Don Maddack, Vic Rashford, Greg Wielogorski, Steve Sicula. Front row: Vicki Evans, Don Haviza, Tony Salcido, Paul Metten, John Wallace, Phil Hayes, Diane Sawa.

BUMP ... SET ... SPIKE !

The Girls Varsity Volleyball team had a successful season finishing with a 12-9 record. This year the Pirate Volleyball team was coached by Miss Janis Qualizza who led the girls to their third consecutive sectional title. At the sectionals the Pirates conquered the tough teams of Roosevelt, Lew Wallace and Wirt. Upon advancing to the Regionals the Pirate Volleyball team suffered a loss against Hammond Gavit.

At the Fall Sports Banquet, Sue Neimeyer was awarded Most Valuable Player and also was given the All-conference Award. Debbie Scott was also presented the Best Mental Attitude award by her fellow teammates. The Varsity Volleyball team's outlook for next year is good with returning letter winners Sandy Love, Sherri Matthews, Alexis Thanos, and Sue Neimeyer on the starting lineup.



Kneeling: Teri De St. Jean, Sandy Illes, Karen Prochno, Alexis Thanos, Standing: Kathy Huber, Sandy Love, Sue Neimeyer, Rochelle Thome, Coach Qualizza, Debbie Scott, Debbie Homier, Gina Rendina



Middle Right: Sophomore Sherri Matthews demonstrates her skill at serving during a tough game. Upper Left: The Pirates take a break from the action of the game to get instructions from Coach Qualizza. Above: Sandy Love is caught by our cameras as she prepares to serve the ball during a match against Hobart.



Sitting: Kathy Huber Kneeling: Lisa Lucas, Lisa Woodward, Gina Rendina Standing: Laura Aydelotte, Rochelle Thome, Kathleen Tournai, Kelly Hurlburt, Coach Birchfield

GIRL'S BASKETBALL-MM! MM! GOOD!

Posting a 3-11 season record was a good start for the young Girl's Basketball Team and first year coach Mr. Bill Pigg. Even though the girl cagers lost most of their games this season it proved to be a learning experience for both Coach Pigg and his team. Because of this there is hope for a winning season next year.

Bright spots in the Pirate lineup this year were Sue Neimeyer, who scored the most points during the season and was chosen to be on the All Conference Team. Senior Karen Prochno also led the team with the Best Free-Throw Percentage. And finally, Renee Long was presented with the Best Mental Attitude Award. Sue Neimeyer and Karen Prochno were also picked to be on the All Area Girl's Basketball Team.



Front row: Cina Rendina, Renee Long, Sherri Matthews, Karen Prochno, Back row: Teri De St. Jean, Sandy Love, Jenny De Lucenay, Sue Neimeyer, Brenda French, Coach Pigg



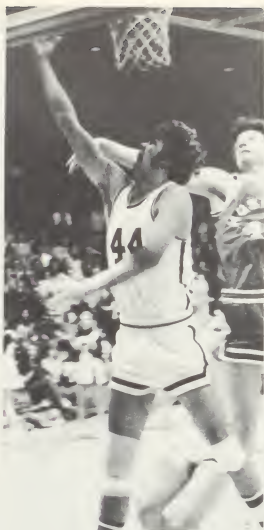
Front row: Tracy Burdet, Barb Halwig, Julie Bowman, Phyllis Victor, Diane Sawa Back row: Mary Lynn Tombers, Tammy Argeropolis, Laura Berndt, Vickie Vergin, Linda Scholz, Sue Barton, Coach Mandon



Left: Co-Captain Karen Prochno maneuvers the ball down court past her Calumet opponents. Middle: Sue Neimeyer sneaks past her opponents as she attempts to pass the basketball down court. Upper Right: Senior Renee Long looks for a teammate while approaching the basket. Lower Right: Sherri Matthews, Sandy Love, Renee Long, and Sue Neimeyer relax before a game.

The 1978-79 Pirate Cagers compiled a 14-9 record under the direction of third year coach Mr. Jim Vermillion. Although the Bucs got off to a slow start, they finished the season by advancing to the last game of the Calumet Sectional before losing to Lake Central. The highlight of the 78-79 season for the Pirates came when they won the Jasper Holiday Tourney. In the first game of the tourney the Cagers defeated Terre Haute South 58-53, and Jasper was conquered 51-50 in the final game. Both teams were ranked in the top ten in the State.

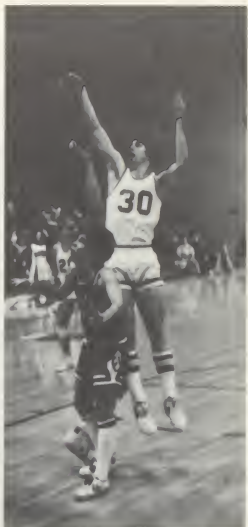
Bright spots in the Pirate lineup this year were Most Valuable Players Gregg Kemp and Tom Jelesky. Senior Matt Handley had the Best Free Throw Percentage with a 83.6% average. Tom Jelesky also led the team with the Best Field Goal and Rebound Percentages. During the 78-79 season Kevin Markle came up with the Most Assists and Nick Costidakis was the Most Improved Player. Finally, Doug Smith's fellow teammates presented him with the Best Mental Attitude Award. With returning players Damaskos, Deck, Forbes, Nelson, Orlich, Stefanovich, and Meade, the outlook for next year's season is good.



WE LOVE



Back Row: Coach Slys, Garry Conn (MGR.), Nick Costidakis, Gregg Kemp, Louis Stefanovic, Tom Jelesky, Bill Meade, Marc Strong, George Forbes, Coach Vermillion, Coach Hutchison. Front Row: Bill Souronis (MGR.), Demetrius Damaskos, Matt Handley, Tim Nelson, Doug Deck, Kevin Markle, Doug Smith, Joe Orlich, Scott Daravanis (Mgr.)



OUR TEAM



Far Left: Gregg Kemp jumps gracefully in the air as he tries to make a basket. Middle Left: Senior Doug Smith sends the ball high in the air as he attempts to make a shot. Upper Left: Co-captain Smith looks for an open teammate to pass the ball to. Middle: Former Pirate Jeff Markle returns home for the Annual Soap Game. Lower Left: The Bucs move down court past their opponents. Upper Right: Matt Handley shows off his shooting form in a game against Munster. Above: Manager Garry Conn gets his chance to show off.



Upper Left: T.J. struggles to make a basket. Above: The Bucs look unsure about whether or not the ball will stay in the basket. Upper Right: Marc Strong jumps high above his opposition as he attempts to make a shot. Middle Left: The Battle of Broadway goes on into Basketball as Marc Strong tries to make a basket. Middle Right: Hold it I lost my contact. Lower Left: Alley-oop. Lower Right: Watch out fellows it's going in.

JV'ERS KNOW THEIR STUFF JV'ERS PROVE THEY'RE TUFF

The 1978-79 Pirate J.V. Basketball Team completed a successful season under the direction of Coach Max Hutchison. The Sophomore Bucs finished with a 13-5 record overall. The Team Floor General was Mike Souronis whose ball handling and steady floor leadership will prove to be an asset to the Merrillville program in the future. With starters Andy Manis, Mike Souronis, Louis Stefanovic, Bill Meade, and Dirk Hutchison the M-ville J-Vers show promise of providing Pirate fans with some exciting basketball in years to come.



Back Row: Garry Conn (MGR.), Coach Hutchison, Tom Gulltoa, Dirk Hutchison, Mike Zajac, Greg Mackey, Ed Kallos, J.C. Cain. Front Row: Scott Daravanis (MGR.), Tim Short, Tim Patz, Mike Souronis, Andy Manis, Chris Kaminski, Ron Lamb, Bill Souronis (MGR.).



Middle Left: Dirk Hutchison leaps high in the air during a jump ball. Lower Left: Freshman Bill Meade tries for two. Middle: Andy Manis goes up and away. Above: Get away from me.

Matmen Pinned, Hopes Dimmed

The Merrillville Wrestling Team finished the 1979 season with a 2-6-0 record. In tourney competition the Pirates placed 3rd in the Mooresville Tourney, 4th in the Merrillville Tourney, and 4th in the Sectional competition. This year sophomore Rick Rhodes held the Most Outstanding Individual Record finishing the season 17-8-0. Rhodes was also Merrillville's only Semi-State Qualifier.

Bright spots in the Pirate line-up were Rick Rhodes who was the Most Valuable Wrestler and also had the Best Mental Attitude. Kerry Gaboyan had the Most Takedowns, Max Gill the Most Falls and Alan Hickman was the Most Improved Wrestler. A special award was given to Mike Yesh for his Outstanding Academic Achievement.

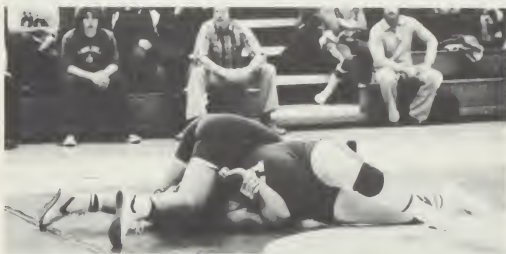


Back Row: Coach Bratcher, Max Gill, Mike Del Busto, Mike Yesh, Kerry Gaboyan, Mark Rush, Bruce Jones, Coach Cameron. Front Row: Mark Catchur, Doug Bade, Alan Hickman, Rick Rhodes, Dan Halsted, Forrest Illes, Larry Maginot.



Above: Coach Cameron looks on from the side-lines. Middle right: Kerry Gaboyan struggles to pin his opponent. Lower right: The wrestling team practices hard in the upper gym. Opposite page: Top right: A Merrillville grappler fights on in a most perplexing position. Middle left: Pirates always come out on top! Middle right: Sophomore Alan Hickman put up a good fight. Lower left: Practice makes perfect, as these Pirate wrestlers can testify.





Back Row: Coach Bratcher, Bob Orosz, Jon Truchan, Tim Wolf, Jeff Moore, Coach Cameron. Front Row: Tom Allen, Greg Wilburn, Tim Gavelek, Jamie Mack, John Wallace, Ron Gorski, Ron Lisch.

Four Swimmers Named All-State As Bucs Grab Sectional Title

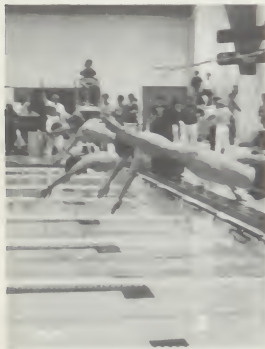
The 1979 swimming Pirates compiled a 10-4-1 record on the way to their fifth sectional championship in six years. They were runners up to rival Valpo in this years Duneland Conference Swim Meet held at La Porte. At that meet six Pirates, Freshman Dave Pushka, Juniors Gino Burelli, Doug Targett and Paul Dyman, and Seniors Steve Toigo and Dave Vidimos were nominated to the all-conference team. Toigo captured first place in the 100 yrad fly.

At the state championship meet held at Ball State's University Pool in Muncie, the medley relay of Targett, Toigo, Vidimos, and Senior Jim Wible placed 3rd. Vidimos also placed in the back stroke event. All four received all-state awards.

This is the final year the Bucs will compete under head coach Lee McCloud. He will take over as head coach in Barrington, Illinois. McCloud's teams captured two conference championships and five sectional championships in his eight years at Merrillville.



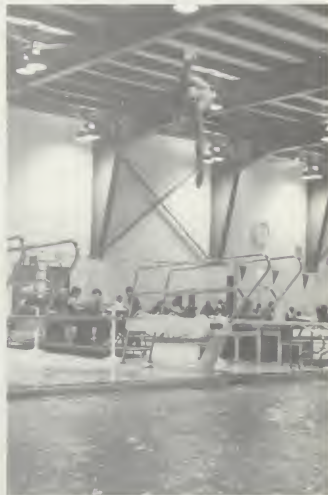
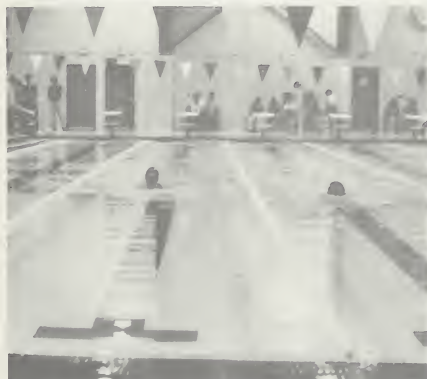
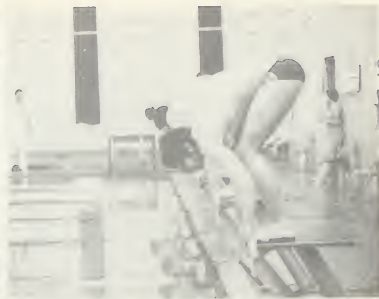
Row 1: Darren McCloud, Kelle Hickman, Kyle Hickman, Kevin Reich. Row 2: Tony Schmit, Dan Vidimos, Jack Allendorf, Jim Wible, Ken Dyman, Mike Wing, John Gogola, Tony Figueroa, Jeff Peters. Row 3: Mike Daniel, Dave Vidimos, Gino Burelli, Bob Beck, Stan Capua, Dave Adams, John Giorandoro. Row 4: Doug Targett, Paul Dyman, Jeff Lay, Randy Williams, Dave Pushka, Tom Smith, John Dyman, Dave Bouser Row 5: Steve Shuman, Jeff Jones, Jim Langbehn, Steve Toigo, Tom Fargo.



The race is on.



Junior Doug Targett and Seniors Steve Toigo and Jim Wible collect their awards for placing 3rd in the 200 medley relay.



Upper Right: Sophomore Tom Smith comes in the wall for his final length of the 100 fly. He placed fourth in the event. Middle Left: Junior Gino Burelli (3rd from the right) manages to get a slight advantage at the start of the 100 yard breaststroke's championship heat. Lower Left: The distributing of awards. Upper Right: Senior co-captain Steve Toigo readys himself for the start of the 100 yard fly. Lower Right: Diver Kevin Reich performs a dive.

Ladies First

Gymnasts Second

Champions Always

One of the most successful Merrillville sports teams, the girls gymnastics team, proved once again their ability to perform successfully with consistency.

While other area teams struggled to mediocrity, the MHS girls performed to perfection completing their 1978-1979 season with a 22 & 4 dual meet season record. Under the direction of sixth year coach Diane Rusak and assisted by Mike Howe, the team once again dominated the Duneland Conference Gymnastic scene, capturing 7 first places and the Conference Championship for the 3rd year in a row, while going undefeated in the conference dual season.

This year the team of 15 strong competed at the intermediate compulsory level and the advanced optional level. The young, intermediate team possessing great depth was paced by Seniors Connie Petroff and co-captain Sandy Sekerez. Juniors and past state winners Paula Tully and Lorrie Rivera added to the depth, while freshman Laura Woz-

niak rounded out the roster. Laura, the only intermediate state qualifier, placed 7th in floor exercise at the state meet. Other members of the intermediate team were Dara Galic, Lisa Adams, Michelle Glatt and freshman all-conference winner Jan Gough.

The power packed Optional Team, despite injuries to key veterans Laura Maresko and Jinx Sikora, captured the sectional team championship for the second year in a row. The dynamic trio of freshman Lynne Shearin, sophomore Donna Engel, and junior Tina Wiggins for the first time in the school's history were Regional Team Champs and captured the runner up trophy at the state level. Lynne set a new school record for points scored in the all around division while Tina broke her own record in the individual scoring division, receiving a near perfect 9.6 for her vault in the conference meet. Rounding out this talented team was senior co-captain and uneven bar pro Maggie Uremovich.



Upper Left: Junior Dara Galic shows grace and form while on the balance beam. Lower Left: Injured, Jinx Sikora performs a needle scale on the beam. Above: Freshmen Laura Wozniak displays the superb dancing style that won her a berth at the state meet. Bottom: Tina Wiggins' constant gymnastic companion gets a hug. Upper Middle: Optional Conference Champions Tina Wiggins, Lynne Shearin, and Donna Engel flash a victory smile. Middle: Junior Tina Wiggins poses on the balance beam. Lower Middle: The optional team, Tina Wiggins, Donna Engel, Coach Rusak, and Lynne Shearin, poses for a quick picture after winning second in state. Upper Right: Freshmen Lynne Shearin shows her flexibility. Lower Right: Sophomore Donna Engel performs her handstand on the balance beam.





Back Row: Maggie Uremovich, Jinx Sikora, Coach Mike Howe, Connie Petroff, Coach Diane Rusak.
Middle Row: Lisa Adams, Dara Galic, Sandy Sekerez, Laura Wozniak, Michelle Glatt, Bottom Row:
Donna Engel, Lori Rivera, Tina Wiggins, Paula Tully, Lynne Shearin, Not Pictured: Jan Gaugh, Laura
Matesko.





Upper Left: Paula Tully performs her balance beam routine. Upper Right: Sophomore Michelle Glatt shows her ability in floor exercise. Middle Left: Sandy Sekerez shows good form during a meet. Middle Right: Lynne Shearin takes time out to watch others practice. Middle: Coach Rusak is caught by our cameras. Lower Right: Practice makes perfect. Above: Junior Lori Rivera concentrates on her routine.

Our Tennis Is Something Special

Coached by Joseph Ameling, the young first year varsity Girls Tennis team struggled to a 4-9 season finish. Complicated by unfortunate rainouts and heartbreaking close matches, Coach Ameling felt optimistic of the valuable experience his netters gained during the 1979 season. Junior letterman Sue Niemeyer and Debbie Berndt served as captains of the team. Highlights of the season were the fantastic doubles duo of Patty Dudak and Chris Lalios, whose 10-3 record was the team's best. Other honors went to Michelle Baran as first in singles action, and Debbie Berndt and Tammy Argeropolos first in Doubles play. Best Mental Attitude went to Kathy Puntillo, and Michaelene Hamang captured the distinction of Most Improved player. Looking to next season Coach Ameling feels the team's potential is great with a good percentage of the players returning. The experience gathered this season and with the few kinks ironed out, Pirate fans can expect interesting Girls Tennis action next season.



Front Row: Chris Lalios, Patty Dudak, Tammy Argeropolos, Darlene Sekerez, Liz Christoff, Kathy Puntillo. Back Row: Michelle Baran, Kim Acres, Sue Niemeyer, Donna Tomoudi, Michaelene Hamang, Coach Ameling, Wendy Sum.



Upper Left: The doubles team of Lalios and Dudak do their thing. Lower Left: Junior Kathy Puntillo fires the ball back across the net. Above: Coach Ameling takes it easy as he watches his girls practice.

Guys Golf Tees Off to Improved Record

The guy's golf team, under the direction of coach Max Hutchison, welcomed the first signs of spring and sought to improve on last year's season record. Instrumental in the effort were not only experienced seniors Dave Vidimos, Dave Carich, Bill Condello, and Tim Troch, but also sophomores Dan

Vidimos and Dave Janizek.

During the '79 season the team finished with a 17-4 record. They participated in the Rensselaer, Ft. Wayne, and Lafayette Invitionals placing 2nd, 8th, and 5th. They also placed 4th in Sectionals.



Guys Golf, left to right: Mark Lipton, Tim Short, Jeff Jamroz, Mark Bublitz.

Golf Team Members
Not Pictured
Coach Max Hutchison
Seniors
Dave Carich
Bill Condello
Tim Trocha
Dave Vidimos

Freshmen
Dave Hutchison
Gary Manis
Larry Tetzloff
Steve Tsangaris



Guys Golf, left to right: Dave Janizek, Dan Traficante, Tim Dobis, Dan Vidimos, Bob Sharrar, and Wally Hanas.

Girls' Track—Always a Step Ahead

The girls' track team, continuing their winning tradition, fought hard to earn an outstanding 5-1 Duneland Conference Record. Under the constant direction of first year coach Mr. Jim Moody the Pirates won the Duneland Conference Meet, but in the final Duneland Standings they finished in second place behind LaPorte.

During the 1979 track and field season the girls' track team set six new school records, four new Duneland Conference Records and three new Sectional Records. Six of the thirteen new records were set by senior Jenny Delucenay. Jenny Delucenay set school records in the long jump with a jump of 17'5", a 220 yrd. dash record with a time of 26.5 seconds and she was also a member of the 440 yrd. relay team which set a school record of 51.2 sec-

onds. Delucenay also set Conference and Sectional records in those events. Jenny Delucenay was voted Co-Girl Athlete of the year by the Herald Newspaper along with her fellow teammate Debbie Homier. Senior Debbie Homier set a school record in the shot put with a toss of 42'4", which was also a new Duneland Conference Record. Debbie also set the new Sectional Record for the shot put. At the Girls' State Track Meet Debbie Homier placed fourth in the shot put competition with a toss of 41'6". Finally, Homier was invited to participate in the Midwest Meet of Champions. The outlook for next year's season is very good with Margie Trocha, Karen Sohovich, Janie Harper and Mary Lynn Tombers, all of which were voted all-Conference, setting the pace.



First Row: Coach Moody, Carol Yates. Second Row: Julie Bowman, Kay Wharton, Lisa Feneck, Tammy Yaselsky, Diane Sawa. Third Row: Kim McDonald, Barbara Helwig, Janet Hartwig, Kathleen Tournai, Colette Guip. Fourth Row: Karen Sohovich, Vickie Evans, Linda Scholz, Debbie Neal, Mary Lynn Tombers. Fifth Row: Margie Trocha, Teri De St. Jean, Debbie Homeier, Jenny Delucenay, Laura Berndt.

Pirate Trackmen Break The Tape

The 1979 Pirate track team strove to a 5-3 dual meet record with co-captains Don Maddack and Kelly McClure setting the pace. Under the constant direction of Coach Armontrout the Pirate Thinlies placed third in overall conference standings.

During the '79 season the Pirate team placed second in the Hobart Little 5 and the Chesterton Relays. The M'ville track team then went on to obtain third place in both the Delphi Relays and the Griffith Relays. Finally, the guys finished the season by placing fourth in the Conference and Sectional Meets. Bright spots in the track and field sea-

son came when both Kelly McClure and Bill Meade set two new school records. These records were set when Kelly McClure ran a 38.7 second 330 yard low hurdles and Bill Meade jumped 6 feet 6 1/2 inches in the High Jump.

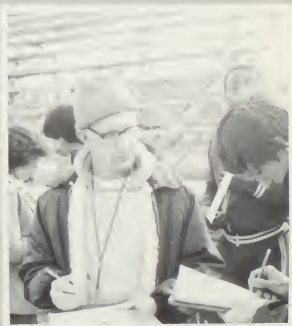
This year special awards were given to Don Maddack as Most Valuable Player and to Todd Harmon for having the Best Mental Attitude. Other awards were given to Don Maddack, Bill Gallo, Bob Hatch, Paul Metten, and Tony Salcedo for meeting the Iron Man Qualifications.



Front Row: Paul Metten, Mark Amaya, Steve Sicula, Tony Salcedo, Bill Gallo, Earl Capuli, Carlos Bustamonte, Kelly McClure, Bill Meade, Don Snemis. Second Row: Don Maddack, Jeff Sanok, Steve Serniak, Mike McGhon, John O'Conner, Todd Harmon, Randy Gonzales, Dirk Hutchison, Mark Isenburg, Scott Stevens. Third Row: Fabian Martinez, Tim Gavelak, Gordon Sunny, Ron Gorski, John Brady, Tony McCrovitz, Bob Hatch, Scott Darvanis, Brian Wielogorski, Greg Wielogorski. Back Row: John Garden, Dan Haviza, Bruce Bunell, Coach Miller, Coach Stoelling, Coach Armontrout.

Upper Left: Todd Harmon strides to stay ahead of his opponents. Middle Left: This discus thrower throws with all his might. Lower Left: Senior John Wallace crosses the finish line after a tough race. Beside: Captain Don Maddack sets the pace. Upper Middle: Senior Marc Strong demonstrates his high jump style. Middle: Junior Carlos Bustamonte strives to catch up with his opponent. Lower Middle: Don Maddack takes a warm-up lap. Upper Right: Kelly McClure leads the pack in the 330 yrd. low hurdles. Far Middle: Coach Armontrout compares notes with a visiting coach. Lower Right: David Bowser completes his leg of the relay.





AT THE CRACK OF A BAT WE KNEW WE WERE GOOD!

The Pirate Varsity Baseball Team had a successful season this year finishing with a 19-11 record. Once again the Pirates were coached by Mr. Bill Metcalf, who led his team into the sectionals where they lost to Lew Wallace.

The team started the season on the weak side exchanging wins and losses until they met up with Griffith. The Griffith game proved to be the starting point of a winning streak because the Pirates went on to win their next five games finally losing to LaPorte. The rest of the 1979 season was a series of wins and losses for the Pirates; however, there were more wins than there were losses.

During the 1979 Baseball season outstanding individual efforts were put forth by Kevin Spadoni, Matt Handley, Jeff Mack, Mike Krutz, Bryan Vowell, and Mike Kerulis. All of these players proved their abilities by playing in almost all games and by performing well on both defense and offense. The outlook for next year is good with such players as Mike Kerulis, Tim Vislosky, Doug Deck, and George Bravos on the line-up.



Front Row: Scott Wortsman, Bryan Vowell, Jeff Hacker, Jeff Mack, Kevin Spadoni, Mike Krutz, George Bravos, George Harper Back Row: Coach Metcalf, Phil Maicher, Doug Deck, Tim Vislosky, Greg Kemp, Bill Brebrich, Matt Handley, Mike Kerulis, Greg Vela, Jeff Popka



Middle Left: Senior Kevin Spadoni shows good pitching form. Lower Left: Mike Kerulis is ready for action during a game with Valpo. Above: Junior Mike Kerulis awaits the next pitch. Upper Middle: Pitcher Tim Vislosky winds up as he throws his next pitch. Far Right: Spectators Marianne Metcalf, Kelly Thompson, and Fran Marovich are caught by our cameras. Middle: Jeff Mack is tagged out as he slides into third base. Lower Middle: A Merrillville batter completes his follow-through. Lower Right: This Mville player is undecided whether or not to run home.





HEY BATTER HEY BATTER SWING HEY BATTER



Far Left: This pitcher fires a pitch that is destined to be a strike. Upper Left: This batter finishes his turn at bat. Middle Left: Taking a big lead this M'ville player attempts to run to third base. Above: Merrillville players take it easy. Lower Left: Pirates keep warm while waiting to bat. Far Right: Catcher John Richmond reaches to the ground to make a catch. Middle: A Baseball game in action. Lower Middle: Matt Mandley and Jeff Mack stay alert. Lower Right: Players and fans alike struggle to keep warm early in the season.





Front Row: Taun Townsend, George Primage, Alan Hickman, Kile Hickham, Mike Souronis, Jay Zolcak, Rob Maloney. Back Row: Mr. Mixell, Steve Warren, Shaun Clapp, Doug Jurasovich, Ken Hancock, John Riddle, Doug Barnack.



1979



SuperStars



1978-79 Sports Scoreboard

Boys Varsity Tennis

MHS	OPP
2	M.C. Rogers
3	Hobart
3	Portage
5	River Forest
3	Chesterton
1	Valparaiso
1	La Porte
4	Lowell
1	M.C. Rogers
2	Hobart
1	Portage
4	Chesterton
0	Valparaiso
0	La Porte
2	Andrean



Varsity Football

MHS	OPP
7	Hobart
35	Lew Wallace
33	Crown Point
26	Chesterton
26	Portage
19	Andrean
28	M.C. Rogers
27	Valparaiso
28	S.B. St. Joe
14	La Porte

Varsity Baseball

MHS	OPP
1	Lowell
4	Andrean
0	Andrean
2	Valparaiso
5	La Porte
4	Chesterton
5	Griffith
1	M.C. Rogers
5	Valparaiso
13	Emerson
4	Hobart
1	La Porte
4	West Side
5	Wirt
0	Portage
10	Chesterton
8	M.C. Rogers
6	Calumet
2	Lew Wallace
9	Lew Wallace
4	Portage
11	Crown Point
68	Crown Point
6	Roosevelt
7	E.C. Washington
6	Portage
51	Lowell
55	Lowell
61	Munster
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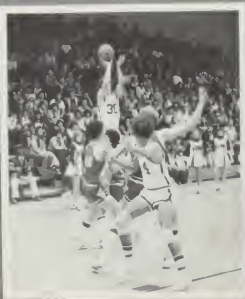


Varsity Wrestling

MHS	OPP
33	Highland
12	La Porte
18	Portage
4	Andrean
28	M.C. Rogers
34	Chesterton
9	Hobart
4	Valparaiso
25	

Boys Varsity Basketball

MHS	OPP
66	Elkhart Central
54	Andrean
79	Valparaiso
76	Fort Wayne Elmhurst
65	Horace Mann
70	Hobart
58	Chesterton
71	Griffith
67	Crown Point
49	La Porte
60	M.C. Rogers
70	Munster
63	Portage
47	Roosevelt
71	Highland
65	M.C. Elston



Girls Cross-Country (Boys)

MHS		OPP
29	West Side	40
41	La Porte	45
48	Chesterton	27
51	Portage	47
44	Amidon	54
56	Hobart	31
38	Hemlock Elementary	33
36	Hobart	26
47	Lake Station (Juniata)	30
46	Valparaiso	57
30	Griffith	39
43	Crown Point	46
49	M.C. Rogers	78



Girls Golf

MHS		OPP
227	Knox	273
224	Lowell	191
218	Portage	274
217	La Porte	191
219	M.C. Rogers	217
175	Chesterton	191
216	M.C. Marquette	255
207	Hobart	286
224	Amidon	226
214	Valparaiso	305

Girls Gymnastics

MHS		OPP
78.10	M.C. Rogers (int)	24.25
79.70	M.C. Rogers (opt)	17.85
82.45	Griffith (int)	65.45
92.65	Griffith (opt)	49.90
75.30	Lake Station (int)	44.20
87.30	Lake Station (opt)	19.35
84.60	Crown Point (int)	77.80
85.95	Crown Point (opt)	84.20
84.40	Hobart (int)	57.00
91.60	Hobart (opt)	55.75
86.25	Munster (int)	88.50
97.55	Munster (opt)	99.95
86.25	S.B. Adams (int)	81.35
97.55	S.B. Adams (opt)	71.30
82.30	La Porte (int)	68.75
24	La Porte (opt)	52.45
90.65	Lowell (int)	71.20
87.60	Lowell (opt)	69.10
90.70	Portage (int)	75.00
101.35	Portage (opt)	91.45
91.00	Valparaiso (int)	91.45
93.95	Valparaiso (opt)	88.45
93.45	Highland (int)	104.35
88.25	Highland (opt)	84.73



Boys Cross-Country

MHS		OPP
17	Wirt	48
47	Portage	16
62	Hobart	24
13	Valparaiso	23
27	M.C. Rogers	26
40	Chesterton	19
16	Crown Point	17
21	Lowell	31
20	La Porte	26
15	Amidon	46
34	Griffith	35
	Hamlet	74

V Football

MHS		OPP
0	La Porte	20
6	Hobart	12
0	Crown Point	0
6	Portage	0
13	Chesterton	0
13	Amidon	0
18	M.C. Rogers	0
11	Valparaiso	13



Rensselaer International

Freshman 800

Sophomore 410

Junior 300

Senior 250

Highland International

Varsity 900

JV 200

Highland Tri-Centennial Invitational

Boys 400

Hobart Sectional

Boys 400

Upper Lakes Invitational

Varsity 400

JV 400



Girls Swimming

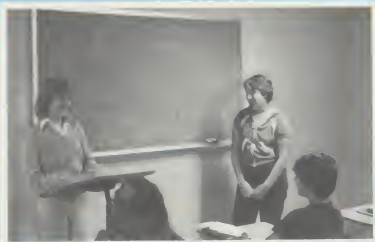
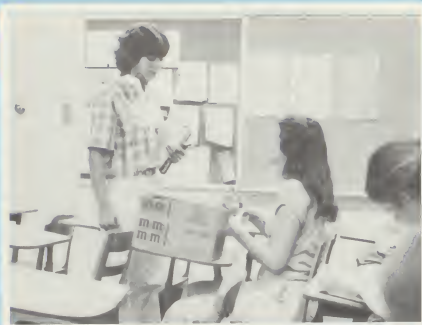
MHS		OPP
87	Crown Point	85
104	La Porte	70
88	Valparaiso	84
122	Hobart	48
97	Highland	77
103	M.C. Rogers	69
72	Munster	100
113	Portage	57
81	S.B. Adams	90
78	Chesterton	96
104	Lowell	65

Merrillville Athletes ...



DO IT BEST!







Rushing to meetings after school ...
decorating floats for Homecoming festi-
vities ... forming committees, elec-
ting officers ... sponsoring dances ...
planning lavish parties later ... catch-
ing buses which take members on field
trips ... standing in stiff rows, waiting
for photographers to snap the club pic-
ture ... supporting each other, support-
ing Merrillville High through organiza-
tional participation.



Thespians Steal the Show!

Merrillville's Chapter of the International Thespian Society proved to be as active as ever this year as its members made two trips to Chicago's theatre district for showings of the comedy-thriller "Deathtrap" and the Broadway musical "Annie".

The greatest amount of emphasis was placed upon the clubs annual Thespian Review, however, which was dubbed "Revue Rehearsal", and featured emcee Jim Dimos as "Director", along with numerous comedy sketches and musical numbers ranging from Chopin to "Grease".

The year was climaxed by an awards banquet, at which outstanding acting and technical accomplishments were recognized and the incoming officers for the year of 1979-80 were introduced.



Thespians lift your spirits high!



First Row: Dave Bedella, Kathy Gruber, Roger Tuckek, Garry St. Martin, Michele Beverly, Shari Isolampi, Ann Dunkelberger. Row 2: Kaye Oliver, Mary Ann Dalton, Beth Maddack, Edna Machnik, Michaelene Hamang, Vickie Evans, Stephanie Palvas, Lori Kellenberger, Janie Harper, Diane Souljanski, Lynne Gabrici. Row 3: Lorri Bastie, Kim Akers, Mary Bishop, Dorothy Hickman, Joy Koen, Mike Malenock, Mary Ann Lindgren, Janis Wilson, Linda Pisani, Greg Linneman. Row 4: Tina Quinn, Daphne Duck, Dawn Loda, Gina Rendina, Amy Englebright, Jenny Toby, Toni Artz, Alan Sierkowski, Carla Waters, Lisa Janson, Lisa Wood. Last Row: Jayne Tomko, Jeff Irons, Tim Deffenbach, Candy Brasich, Lori Grabak, Kirk Vickroy, Jim Dimos, Dave Dakich.

Go-Go Español

Spanish Club, offered to those students who wish to learn more about the culture of the Spanish speaking people, is both fun and educational. Towards the beginning of the school year, the club members sold candy in order to help foreign language honor students finance their upcoming trip to Mexico to further their studies of the Spanish language. One new activity for the club this year was a visit to Tradewinds at Christmas-time. Every year the Spanish club has an eat-in. Club members prepare a variety of delicious Spanish and Mexican dishes. At the end of the school year, the club goes to a Spanish and Mexican restaurant for another tasty meal and initiation ceremonies for the following year's officers.



Officers: Kristine Kottis, Jerry Haberkorn, Mark Giolas, Marija Mace.



Sophomore, Bottom Row: Nancy Cook, Barb Helwig, Lisa Blair, Laurie Canchola. 2nd: Diane Davis, Jill Fryer, Wendy Sum. 3rd: Veronica Jankowski, Laura Ring, Aurora Garza, Teresa Monloro. 4th: Teresa Badar, Kathy Brown, Mike Malenok.



Juniors, Bottom Row: Eden Capull, Beth Maddock, Lorri Basile, Margaret Murphy. 2nd: Kim McDonald, Noreen Kloc, Linda Lepley, Edna Machnik. 3rd: Kristine Kottis, Bob Ruiz, Paul Olesh. 4th: Marija Mace, Pam Fox, Memo Dalkilic. 5th: Jacki Meschede, Kathy Metro.



Seniors, Bottom row: Sue Meschede, Donna Cieslak, Mary Ann Dalton, Sandy Gonzalez. 2nd: Sheila Valle, Brenda Lagenook, Bette Holland, Nancy Higgins. 3rd: Marie Stockler, Candy Bratch, Gerry Haberkorn. 4th: Mark Giolas, John Rodriguez, Kim Davis, Charlie Horvath.

N.H.S. enlightens growing minds

The Honor Society began the 78-79 school year some fifty-six members strong. Membership in the Honor Society is based on four qualifications: Scholarship, each student must have an average of 3.50 or better; Service, willingness to perform duties for the school; Leadership, based on participation in school activities and the efficiency with which their duties are performed; Character, demonstrates the highest standards of attitude toward honesty, reliability, fairness, and tolerance.



Officers: Mike Geske, Sharon Allen, Kim Evanyo, Terry Schuster.



Sharon Allen, Mary Julovich, Mary Ann Dalton, Jennifer Echterling, Pam Beck, Jeanie Guba, Angela Feneck, Nancy Best, Gail Atkisson, Paula Thorsleinson, Debbie Brady, Lorraine Beres, Lori Krueger, Debbie Coleman, Sandy Johnston, Stephanie Palvas, Candy Brasich, Mary Bishop, Debbie Homeier.



Kathy Harris, Diane Higgins, April Davidhizar, Beth Feerst, Sheila Valle, Rose Maginot, Carol Jones, Doreen Morrill, Brenda Lagenoek, Mary Eich, Margaret Peschke, Peggy Raue, Debra Hyde, Carol Wright, John Raturowski, George Cinko, Terry Schuster, Dave Lavery, Dan Moore, Kirk Vickroy, Mike DelBusto, George Sarikos.

F.T.A. HONORS TEACHERS

Future Teachers of America is an organization designed to give high school students who are pursuing a career in education an idea of the different types of jobs offered in this field. This past year F.T.A. has taken trips to Tradewinds and also to various schools in Ross Township in order to see exactly what a teacher faces in the classroom. Other activities include a breakfast for the teachers near the end of the school year and the annual F.T.A. Turnabout dance. This year's officers are Lynda Ruble, President; Raine Carlson, Vice-President; Tammy Fausnaugh, Secretary; Marija Mace, Treasurer; and Betzy Shrader, Historian.



1st Row: Marija Mace, Lynda Ruble, Vickie Kappas, Sherri Malocha, Candy Brasich. 2nd Row: Dorothy Hickman, Vickie Volk, Connie Petroff, Joy Hancock. 3rd Row: Karen Gonzalez, Carol Wright, Tammy Fausnaugh, Raine Carlson.



Above: Mrs. Wooldridge shows off her Easter basket at the teachers breakfast. Top Left: Mrs. Mandon, Miss Pavel, and Mr. Talmadge talk over a cup of coffee. Left: Mr. Schuyler talks to Easter Bunny Vickie Kappas.

Society "Shines On"

The Sunshine Society is a state-wide organization. Dividing the state into six districts according to counties, Merrillville Sunshine Society falls into District V. The state theme this year was "Bloom where you are planted." The Sunshine Society is involved in a candlelight initiation. Helping with Homecoming festivities, the club also rode in the Homecoming parade. Along with

the FHA, the society caroled at Maple Manor and the Ross Care Center at Christmas. Other activities found the Sunshiners honoring their parents with a Father-Daughter party and a Mother-Daughter banquet in May. Besides their many civic and school activities, the club worked hard to spread a little happiness in all its endeavors. And to help demonstrate this, the society

planted a tree on Arbor Day, hoping to bloom and also spread a little sunshine in Merrillville.

The 1979 Sunshine Society officers were President Debbie Homeier, Vice-President Pam Beck, Recording Secretary Pam Pasterick, and Corresponding Secretary Dana Zaradich. The club's sponsor was Mrs. Grace Bovard.



Upper left: Sunshine members participate in the Homecoming parade. Upper right: The Arbor Day ceremony is completed as the club's tree is securely planted in the courtyard. Middle left: Members listen as future club activities are discussed. Lower left: President Debbie Homeier calls the meeting to order. Lower right: Mrs. Bovard listens attentively as the president makes a point.



March of Dimes Campaign Highlights FHA

The Merrillville chapter of Future Homemakers of America is one of 12,000 which have a membership of more than a half-million young men and women. Membership is open to any student who is taking or has taken a course in home economics.

The object of FHA is to help young people assume their roles in society through home economics education in

areas of personal growth, family life, vocational preparation and community involvement. The club carries out an annual moneymaking project of selling stationery. Proceeds are used for club activities and for state and national dues. Members of the club wrapped more than fifty pieces of jewelry donated by students and faculty. The jewelry was distributed to the ladies of

Maple Manor Home when FHA joined the Sunshine Society in caroling at the home and at the Ross Care Center. Other activities are planned and carried out by club members in accordance with the state and national programs of work. The last two years contributions were made to the March of Dimes campaign.



Bottom Row: Treasurer Judy Koepke, Secretary Janet Burrus, Vice President Nancy Levenson, President Lisa Capusan. Top Row: Melanie Konek, Sponsor Mrs. Seale, and Sharon Yurchak.



Quill and Scroll



International Honorary Society for High School Journalists

Members of Quill and Scroll, the National Society for High School Journalists, were recognized for their outstanding performance on Merrillville's yearbook or newspaper staffs. Students in the top one-third of their class in general scholastic standing at the junior or senior level were chosen for this honor. Mr. Bruce Woods was the organization's advisor. The nine members chosen were: Kathy Leaser, Melissa Burelli, Kathy Kassabaum, Mark Giolas, Jeff Davis, Debbie Coleman, Candy Brasich, Carol Wright and Larry Lavery.



Top Row: Kathy Leaser, Melissa Burelli, Kathy Kassabaum. Middle Row: Mark Giolas, Jeff Davis, Debbie Coleman. Bottom Row: Candy Brasich, Carol Wright and Larry Lavery.



Science Club Visits

Chicago Pompeii Exhibit

Through the year the Science Club attended monthly activities. In September they went to the Chicago Historical Society, Chicago Academy of Science and the Lincoln Park Zoo. In October it was the Pompeii exhibit at the Art Museum, the research department at the Field Museum, and the University of Chicago Science Fair Open House. In December, they went to see Christmas around the World at the Science and Industry. January they went to the Shedd Aquarium and Adler Planetarium. February was the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago. March was the Detroit Museum; April, the Indiana Dunes Workshop. Then in May they attended the Fossil dig at Pit II, Braidwood, Illinois, and their last outing in June was Brookfield Zoo. All field trips are taken on Saturdays. In addition, the Science Club judges the elementary school science fairs and awards prizes. They also sponsor the Teacher/Student volleyball game as their fund-raising activity. The Science Club is a very active group.



Officers: Front Row: Jeff Davis, Steve Shuman, Ray Diana. Back Row: Mary Ann Lindgren, Ann Dunkleburger.



Science Club: Third row: John Krampien, Bob Chenoweth, Sherry Byers. Second Row: Mark Salapski, Jeff S. Davis, Tony McCrovitz, Cary Vazquez, Mary Ann Lindgren. First Row: Sponsor Miss Pavel, Bob Barnes, Ray Diana, Wendy Sum, Ann Dunkleburger.



CHEER- LEADERS

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Varsity Football Squad; Bottom to top: Pam Mishler, Donna Cieslak, Lori Krueger, Paula Thorsteinson, Tina Wiggins, Captain-Mary Beth Gavelek, Gloria Summers, Carol Jones.



Junior Varsity Football Squad; Bottom to top: Marla Fodor, Nancy Burkhart, Captain-Michelle Glatt, Kim Vickroy, Tami Yaselsky, Lisa Gurgevich.



OT

BEST!



Varsity Basketball Squad; Bottom row: left to right, Pam Mishler, Paula Thorsteinson, Mary Beth Gavelek. 2nd row: Donna Cieslak, Lori Krueger. 3rd row: Captain—Kathi Stroia, Glória Summers, Carol Jones.



Junior Varsity Basketball Squad; 1st row: left to right, Kim Vickroy, Marla Fodor, Nancy Burkhart, 2nd row: Sharon Metros, Tami Yaslisky, 3rd row, Captain—Sharon Bianchi.



PARLEZ-VOUS FRANCAIS?

The 1978-79 school year was a very busy and fun-filled one for the French Club. Mrs. Patricia Callender, club sponsor, always kept the officers busy planning activities. The year's activities started with a Halloween initiation party. Following the Homecoming festivities, activities also included going to the "Magic Pan" in River Oaks and selling raffle tickets for a ceramic Christmas tree made and donated by Mrs. Harmon, the proceeds going to the I.U. Honors Program. They also went to Turkey Run State Park for a day of winter fun. They sold M&M's and had a fondue party in the Home Economics cooking classroom. The year ended with a banquet in May and the election and installation of officers for the year of 1979-80.



Officers: Diane Smith, Dawn VanMeter, Robin Deyot and Tracy Palla.



Tracy Palla, Jackie Abramson, Mary Kino, Bilana Manivilovski, Carrie Grose, Mrs. Callender, Karen Mackanos, Stephanie Gieselski, Cindy Sowles, Marie Kyres, Melissa Burelli, Kim Akers, Lisa Feneck, Rene Charbonneau, Jennifer Chiabai, Cathy Wilk, Kayth Breshich, Cathy Tkach, Zorine Simic, Mary Bishop, Leslie Houchin, Janis Wilson, Felicia Dixon, Dawn VanMeter, Sue Hardt, Cindy Cone, Mary Ann Lindgren, Carol Wright, Becky Zaradich, Diane Sovljanski, Linda Pisani, Lynne Gabrici, Alan Sierkowski, John Dimos.

SPRECHEN SIE DEUTSCH!

The German Club planned many activities for the 1978-79 school year. They started out in the fall when they sold candy in order to raise money for the club. Then, they held their Christmas party on December 17. They also planned a Car wash in the Spring to raise money for the Honors Program. They ended the year with a picnic where all the members would pack a lunch and go to the Dunes. All in all, the German Club had a very exciting and productive year.



Officers: Pam Beck, Debbie Homier, Betsy Schrader, John Radaloski, Jeff Davis.



First Row: Pam Beck, Debbie Homier, Daphne Duck, Betsy Schrader, Pat Antolik. Second Row: John Radaloski, Debbie Wiles, Amy Englebright, Lori Jaroschak, Bob Frank. Third Row: Mike Geske, Ray Diana, Lori Kellenberger, Mary Eich, Dave Lavery. Fourth Row: Mr. Hamilton, Darren Dixon, Kaye Oliver, Jeff Davis.

Pom Pons Show Their Stuff!



Row 1: Lorri Rivera, Andrea Shingle, Lisa Springman, Michelle Faire, Lynn Maloney, Gina Rendina, Lori Jackson, Lori Grabak, Cheryl Wiggand. Row 2: Beth Ekaitis, Michelle DeLaRosa, Lisa Barkasi, Debbie Coleman, Kelly Thompson, Debbie McCloud, Darlene Sekerez, Roxanne Renner, Donna Engel. Row 3: Sue Spangler, Candy Brasich, Sophie Antic, Cheri Glatt, Paula Mitchell, Kathy Szmagaj, Ruth Gavin. Row 4: Sheri Burget, Lynn Thomas, Marianne Metcalf, Roni Figueroa, Cheryl Brown, Kay Thurchan, Cathy Mestousis, Jill Reichardt.

Captains. Cheryl Brown and Roni Figueroa.



Pirates Get The Beat!



Bottom Row: Rose Maginot, Lisa Smith, John Dimos, John Krol, Roger Tucheck, Corky Christoff, Rick Wilburn, Dave Adams, Doug Robinson, 2nd Row: Dawn VanMeter, Ernie Mayer, Kim Hicks, Kim Fox, Mary Ann Dalton, Gail Atkisson, Ray Diana, Lori Kellenberger, Lorraine Beres, Linda Jaroscak.



3rd Row: Steve Cierniak, Paul Wasick, Jeff Christiana, Dave Bowser, Sheila Valle, Jeff Davis, Allen Sierkowski, Dave Robinson, Tod Harmon, Jerry O'Conner, Carolyn Stark, Bruce Krawczak, Rick For, Darren Bolven, Ken Calaway, Dave Bedella, Tony Grezak, Mark Bubnitz, Mike Jasiak.

THE GANG'S ALL HERE

The Student Council made many major accomplishments this year including Homecoming activities, Homecoming queen, Mr. Football, and the Homecoming dance. They were also involved in the nominating and electing of officers for next year. Along with that, Student Council sponsored the breakfast for the midterm and June graduates.



(L to R) President: Lori Grabek, Vice President: Jim Dimos, Secretary-Treasurer: Dorothy Hickman.



Bottom Row: Victor Martinez, Leigh Ann Stout, Corky Christoff, Patty Kepshire, Karen Kwitko, Kathi Stroia, Sue Lukasik, Cheryl Brown, Lori Grabek, Jim Dimos, Judy Kuzma, Ruth Gavin, Fran Marovich, Kevin Spadoni, Mary Kino. 2nd Row: Paula Henry, Edna Machnik, Michaelene Hamang, Kaye Oliver, Donna Engel, Daphne Duck, Julie Porter, Lori Jackson, Sherri Isolampi, Step Palvas, Nancy Samardzija, Joy Hancock, Lyn Gillespie, Jeanie Guba, 3rd Row: Nancy Milakovich, Linda Jarosack, Lisa Wood, Shery Ralph, Stacy Flynn, Tracy Otterbacker, Becky Zaradich, Denise Kottaridis, Sharon Schoon, Michelle Faire, Marija Mace, Patty Reimer, Carolyn Grose, Janet Lagenock. 4th Row: Nancy Webster, Nancy Christoff, Robyn Waite, Shery Burget, Michelle DeLaRosa, Kathy Harris, Andrea Shingle, Lori Kellenberger, Lisa Springman, Jennifer Chiabal, Maria Kyres, Gerry Haberkorn, Karen Chandler. 5th Row: Lisa Gurgevich, Tammie Yasilsky, Debbie Buefer, Nancy Best, Janet Delucenay, Renee Modrowski, Jim Pappas, Allan Sierkowski, Mike Malenock, Brenda Lagenock, Sheila Valle. 6th Row: Terry Schuster, Doug Bade, Jim Wible, Memo Dakilic, Kim Evonyo, Kirk Vickroy, Teresa Sweat, Kay Truchan, Sandy Sekerez, Debbie Westcott. 7th Row: Sue Williamson, Mary Beth Cavelek, Nick Costidakis, Carol Jones, Angie Gerodemos, Paula Thorsenston, Jill Shell, Candy Brasich, Annie Charochak, Roni Figueroa, Dan Moore, Doug Smith, Mike DelBusto. 8th Row: Doug Robinson, Dave Robinson, Lisa Jansen, Sheri Malocha, Mary Bishop, Dorothy Hickman, Mark Marinello, Lori Krueger, Marianne Metcalf, Jill Moore.

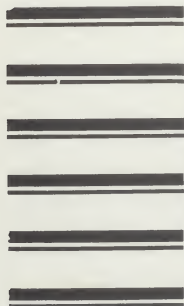
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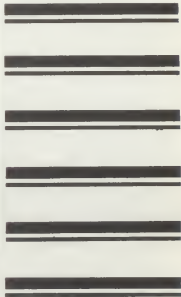
Bottom Row: Mary Ann Dalton, Alex Christoff, Dawn VanMeter, Carol Suzich, Shery Ralph, Denise Dixon. Top Row: Peggy Rave, Ernie Mayer, Linda Lepley, Sharon Allen, Lisa Smith, Debbie Kacmar, Joanne Kacmar.



Bottom Row: Dave Robinson, Tony Cornoroto, Frank Acosta. Top Row: Jeff Christiana, Rich Christia, Sheila Valle, Allen Sierkowski, Vikki Leanard.



Marie Spott, Monica Arrendondo, Julie Fryer, Tracy Palla, Kim Moroz, Pam Wade, Lisa Wood, Stacie Flynn.



Dave Oliver, Rich Foor, Ken Callaway, Brian Bowman, Darin Bolvin, Mike Schreiner, Dave Peterson.



Janet Stanton, Jim Utke, Steve Ciermak, Paul Wasick, Gene Kezy, George Long.

The World Go Round



Bottom Row: Linda Jaroscak, Lorraine Beres, Ray Diana, Gail Atkisson.
Back Row: Rose Maginot, Brenda Lagenoek, Lori Kellenberger, Jacky Kacala, Carole Seller, Jeannine Kacmar, Chris Hostetler, Rosalie Thalmann.



Bottom Row: Anthony Jackson, Nancy Novotny, Bruce Krawczyk, Mike DelBusto. Top Row: Carolyn Stark, Diana Higgins, Tod Harmon, John Ratu-
lowski, Jerri O'Conner, Mike Brown.



Seated: John Dimos. Standing: John Kroll, Roger Tuckek, Rich Pluth, Corky Christoff, Rick Wilburn, Doug Robinson, Larry Adams, Scott Goodwin, Ted Lenker, Kirt Harmon, Dean Collaros.



Bottom Row: Leslie Houchin, Felice Arredondo, Kathy Bowman, Sandi Leone, Chris Kottis, Karen Moroz. Top Row: Debbie Shudick, Shari Suzich, Meg Johnson, Kim Vickroy.



Bottom Row: Rich Aeschliman, Dave Bedella, Jeff Davis. Top Row: Mike Jasiak, Scott Lafoone, Mark Bublitz, Eugene Gawrysiak.



Mike Geske, Bridget Lachowicz, Kim Fox, Nancy Fargo, Kim Hicks.

Sing, Sing, Sing!



Girls Glee Club: Bottom row: Lori Harding, Laurie Canchola, Sharon Schoon, Janie Harper, Jennie Toby, Tammie Vranich, Helen Sharpe, Lora Bryant, Barb Helwig, MaryLynn Tombers. Row 2: Cathy Major, Lorrie Barker, Liz Eates, Dawn Sherek, Lisa Gebb, Shawn Sylwestrowicz, Dawn Maryonovich, Malanie Candiano, Maggie Johnson, Denise Kataridis. Row 3: Yvonne Garza, Sharon Bianchi, Karen Chandler, Sherry Avile, Ginger Hawkins, Kelly Darnell, Janet Lagenoek, Daphne Duck, Dawn Loda. Row 4: Tania Hallam, Darlene Szklarski, Sharon Metros, Nancy Holderman, Tracy Otterbacker, Becky Zaradich, Amy Englebright, Diane Sovljanski, Toni Artz, Cammie Sherrick. Pianist: Carrie Grose.



Dorothy Hickman, Roger Tucheck, Alex Christoff, Rich Cristea, Jeff Christiana, Brian Bowman, Rick Foor, John Dimos.

Merrillville Choir Shows



Concert Choir, Front Row: Paula Thorsteinson, Bridget Lachowicz, Janet Stanton, Janet Joyce, Beth Maddack, Kathy Hicks, Kate Andeatos, Sue Tipton, Neal Wheeler, Kevin Barclay, Dave Garcia. Row 2: Shari Isolampi, Debbie Westcott, Lisa Jansen, Michelene Hamang, Ann Dunkelberger, Beth Feerst, April Davidhizar, Jenny Echterling, Dave Bedella, Lance Malis, Glenn Johnson. Row 3: Carla Waters, Tammy Gulotta, Angie Kostantios, Valerie Kutch, Patti Yugo, Sue Williamson, Robyn Waite, Sharon Yurchak, Garry St. Martin, T. Dieffenbach, Chris Loda. Back Row: Pam Fox, Marija Sue Spangler, Pam Johnston, Tami Rudovich, Dana Brooks, Jeff Irons, Greg De St. Gean, Greg Mitro.



Vocalteens, Tim Dieffenbach, Sherri Malocha, Dave Bedella, Michele Beverly, Greg Linneman, Paul Fernando, Sherri Isolampi, Mike Male-nock, Stephanie Palvas, Paula Thorsteinson, Lisa Jansen, Rick Schuster, Donna Cieslak, Kathy Lucas, Chris Loda, Mary Bishop, Kevin Barclay, Bill Condello, Garry St. Martin, Gail Atkinson.

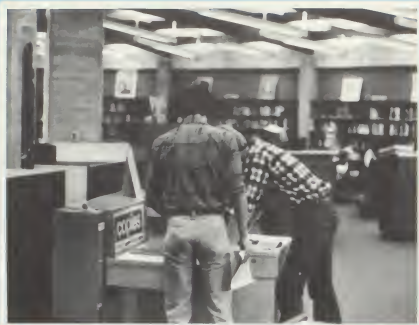
Enthusiasm Throughout the Year of "79"



Front Row: Joy Koen, Kelley Volk, Kathy Gruber, Vickie Evans, Nancy Rolff, Nivia Plaza, Kathy Lucas, Lynne Gabrici, Marta Hruschuk, Ten Schramm. Row 2: Mike Malenock, Jim DeVault, Bob Barnes, Daryl Smith, Debbie Doty, Betty Melcher, Kathy Wirtes, Cathy Cooper. Row 3: Bryan Reinhart, Terry Chadd, John Brady, George Harper, Jean Robinson, Libby Hines, Judy Vondorkovich, Kim Mizerak, Margaret Murphy, Edna Machnik, Linda Pisani, Tina Quinn, Rene Gill, Pam Brooks. Row 4: Skip Schafer, Dave Richards, Mary Beth Gavelek, Kathy Harris, Gloria Summers, Judy Evans, Jennifer Wallin, Lora Eyrich, Kathy Jiminez, Anita Carpenter, Mary Bishop, Laura Fryer. Back Row: Paul Fernando, Tim Piper, Bill Condello, Rick Schuster, Rochelle Foremski, Cindy Deer, Shawn Ballard, Margaret Peschke, Kay Oliver, Stephanie Duncan, Becky Wiles, Patty Jiminez, Kris Pederson, Sherrie Malocha.



Velveteens: Michaelene Hamang, Tina Quinn, Carla Waters, Libby Hines, Jean Robinson, Vicki Evans, Kathy Gruber, Kaye Oliver, Shawn Ballard, Margaret Peschke, Joy Koen. Seated, Susan Tipton, Margie Fabricia, Nancy Rolff.





Excitement of preparing for the first day in the last year of school ... being somebody special in the crowd ... experiencing many lasts, while preparing for the many first in years to come ... confusing forms and applications ... ordering announcements ... taking senior pictures ... measuring for caps and gowns ... making decisions today for tomorrow ... Senioritis ... forgetting to do homework assignments ... counting down the final days ... last prom ... reminiscing with good friends about the "old days" ... graduation ... realizing that these are, indeed, the best years.

Seniors



79 SENIORS 79



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS: l to r: Pres.; Paula Thorsteinson, Vice Pres.; Mark Marinello, Sec.; Angie Gerodemos, Treas.; Linda Jarosak



Mark Aimutis



Sharon Allen



John Allendorf



Barbara Anderson



Sophia Antic



Patricia Antolick



Maryann Arrendondo



Susan Ashford



Gail Atkisson



Kathleen Aydelotte





Douglas Bade



Jacquelyn Bailey



Ron Bajza



David Ball



Debbie Ballard



Denise Ballard



Shaughnessy Ballard



Roxanne Balluch



Vera Barnett



Mark Barry



Jeffery Basco



Joseph Basile



Patricia Battistini •



Nikola Belder



Pamela Beck



Ingrid Becker



Lorraine Beres



Raymond Berger



Robert Berndt



Brad Best



Nancy Best



Michele Beverly



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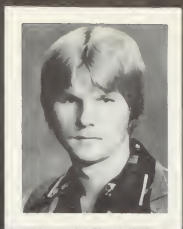
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Michelle Brantner



Candida Brasich



Robert Braun



Michael Bresich



Pamela Brooks



Steven Brooks



Cheryl Brown



Mark Brown



Kevin Bruce



George Brugos



Deborah Buchfuehrer



Karen Bukur



Brian Bunch



Jeffery Bunnell



Troy Burge



Sharon Burget



Kimberly Burke



Michael Burke



Jacqueline Burris



Charles Bustamante



Bernard Campbell



Cama Canady



Louie Canchola



John Carr



Charles Carstensen



Eddie Carter



Jack Carter



Matthew Catchur



Sherry Cazangiu



Karen Ceria



David Chapman



Annette Charochak



Royce Chenore



Ronald Chisko



Craig Chrispell



Jeffery Christiana



Carlin Christopher



Donna Cieslak



Joseph Cioe



Susan Cipollone



Denise Clark



Simone Clark



Debra Coleman



Scott Collins



William Condello



Connie Cooper



Mark Corey



Kathy Costakis



Nicholas Costidakis



Mark Costner



Marc Cotter



Sarah Cross



Donna Cuprinski



Karen Czernoch



John Dahlen



David Dakich



Mary Anne Dalton



Jeffery Daniel



April Davidhizar



Kimberly Davis



Lester Day



Teri De St. Jean



Deborah Deck



Gracie Deem



Cynthia Deer



Michelle DeLaRosa



Michael DelBusto



Jenny Delucanuy



Anthony Dewar



David Dienes



James Dimas



William Dixon



Kenneth Dixon



Tammie Doidge



Ellen Durin



Deborah Doty



Robert Dowdy



Denise Downey



Penelope Dudy



Rick Dujmovich



Judith Dumond



Stephanie Duncan



Robert Dyer



Kenneth Dyman



Karen Dziadosz



Jennifer Echterling



Mary Eich



Joyce Eldridge



Brian Ernest



David Evans



Kimberly Evanyo



Thomas Fargo



Victor Farias



Beth Feerst



Angela Feneck



Roy Fernandez



Paul Fernando



Carol Fetkavich



Marjorie Fields



Veronica Figueroa



Rochelle Foremski



Kimberly Fox



Edward Fraikin



Robert Frank



Nancy Franz



Brenda French



Mary Frey



Karen Fryar



Laura Fryer



Todd Fuller



Gregory Funk



Ralph Gagliardi



Christine Gallaitis



Lorri Gault



Mary Beth Gavelek



Ruth Gavin



Jamie Gail



Angie Gerodemos



Michael Geske



Alvin Gibbons



Dale Gill



Max Gill



Rene Gill



Lyn Gillespie



Mark Giolus



Barney Glabs Jr.



Gordon Glenn



Micolette Godocik



Karen Gonzalez



Donald Gorgas III



Lori Grabak



Karen Graves



Janice Gray



Michael Greco



Garry Griggs



James Gruber



Jeanine Cuba



Jeffery Guenther



Donald Guernsey



Mark Cust



Michael Cutjall



Gerald Haberkorn



Beth Hachlica



Joyce Halfman



Joy Hancock



Matthew Handley



Sheryl Hansen



Charles Hardt



William Hargrove



Tod Harmon



Kathryn Harris



Barbara Hasek



John Hebert



Paula Henry



Attila Hercelendy



Perry Herzog



Dorothy Hickman



Kimberly Hicks



Judith Higginson



Diana Higgins



Nancy Higgins



Diana Hinkel



Laura Hinson



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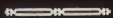
In Memory

of

Steven

Imboden

1959-1978



Shari Isolampi



Milena Ivetic



Lori Jackson



Jeffrey Janizek



Michele Jaracz



Linda Jaroscat



Thomas Jelsky



Clifford Jenkins



Michelle Jenkins



William Jessup



Bonny Jucic



Steven Johnson



Brenda Johnson



JoAnn Johnson



Pamela Johnston



Sandra Johnston



Carol Jones



David Jones



Vernon Jones



Patti Jonusas



Jack Joyce



Mary Julovich



Robert Kaluf



Victoria Kappas



Kathryn Kassabaum



Christopher Kaste



Raymond Kelley



Diane Kelly



Gregory Kemp



Phil Kendera



Patricia Kephire



Karen Kersteff



Lisa King



John Kolodziejczak



Yvonne Komp



Mark Koslow



Brian Kotso



Julia Kotso



Sylvia Koulianos



George Kouskoutis



Nancy Kovan



Mara Kragulj



Sandra Krampen



John Krasich



Bruce Krawczyk



Lynne Krayniak



John Kroll



Lori Krueger



Michael Krutz



Laurie Kucik



Michael Kucik



Valerie Kutch



David Kuzemka



Judy Kuzma



Karen Kwitko



Christopher LaFever



Brenda Lagmoek



Nicholas Lalius



James Landers



Greta Langbehn



Cheryl Lape



David Lavery



Lawrence Lavery IV



Lori Laviolette



Diane Lecik



Muriel Lentini



George Leonard



Rebecca Libician



Carey Lipke



Agnes Lo



Christopher Luda



George Long



Renee Long



Tom Lozanoski



Kathy Lucas



Linda Lucas



Susan Lukasik



Deborah Lunsford



Janiece Luptak



Thomas Lynch



Jeff Mack



Donald Maddack



Rose Maginot



Leslie Maicher



Robert Malicki



Sherri Malocha



Paula Mance



Elizabeth Maniatis



Adam Manzo



Athina Margaritis



Mark Marinello



Jon Marjanian



Kevin Markle



Frances Marovich



Victor Martinez



Michael Matlock



Dale Mattingly



Kelly McClure



James McChen



Paul McGraw



Dean McPherson



Hope McPherson



Susan Meschede



Marianne Metcalf



Mark Miko



Nancy Milakovich



Pamela Mishler



Gregory Mitro



Daniel Moore



Dorothy Morigi



Doreen Morrill



Kathryn Mroz



Mark Mumaw



Barbara Murray



Daniel Nelson



Deborah Nelson



Thomas Nelson



Kathleen Nemergut



David Nolan



Victoria Nonos



Mark Norwich



John Nosich



Sandra Nowesnick



Mary Oljace



Thomas Palansky



Stephanie Palvas



Pamela Pasterick



Priscilla Pasterick



Troy Pawlak



Joseph Pearman



Ellen Peddicord



Jeffery Peck



Margaret Peschke



April Petroff



Constance Petroff



Laura Petroff



Carol Plautz



David Pictor



Timothy Piper



Carolyn Pittman



Gail Pollak



Jeff Popka



Janette Popoff



Daniel Powell



Dennis Pratt



Elizabeth Price



Karen Prochno



William Rachford



Crystal Rachl



John Ratulowski



Peggy Rame



Kevin Reich



Kathy Remkus



Ann Rempier



Gina Rendina



James Reno Jr.



John Richmond



Kelly Ring



Bruce Rivera



Rhonda Robbins



Jean Robinson



John Rodriguez



Nancy Rolff



Linda Rork



Deborah Rose



Randall Roszkowiak



John Rulovich



Kim Sadlowski



Sheryl Salapski



Lisa Saliwonzcyk



Penny Sappenfield



George Sarikos



Lisa Sasser



Randall Sattler



Walter Schafer



April Schilling



Terese Schramm



Theresa Schreiber



Terrence Schuster



Wayne Schweitzer



Deborah Scott



Mark Scott



Mark Sebben



Sandy Sokrocz



Joseph Sharpe



Ava Shsarin



Jill Shell



Mary Sherman



Dennis Shotts



Deborah Shudick



Terence Shudick



Samuel Shultz



Steven Shuman



Jinx Sikora



Kenneth Sirko



Nicholas Skaroulis



Sharon Smallfield



Dennis Smith



Doug Smith



Edward Smith



Lisa Smith



Teresa Snelgrove



Judith Snow



Irene Solon



Robert Soohy



John Sowles



Kevin Spadoni



Susan Spangler



Shannon Spicer



Bruce Spiers



Kevin Spiers



Guy Spiroff



Jonathon Spurlock



Kathleen Spurlock



Garry St. Martin



Janet Stanton



Carolyn Stark



Albert Stazinski



Nancy Steffus



Stephanie Stevens



Marie Stockler



Leigh Stout



Kathi Stroia



Marc Strong



Robin Sum



Larry Surowiec



Teresa Sweat



John Szafranski



Donna Szczepanski



Claudia Talley



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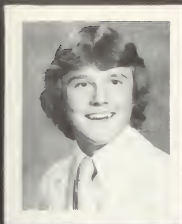
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Roger Tuckek



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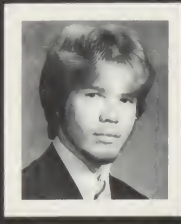
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Denise Vranich



LuAnne Vuykovich



Kathy Waddlow



Robyn Waite



Robert Walker



Karen Wall



John Wallace



David Warren



Jerry Weinberg



Robert Weisman



Judy Weissert



Cheryl Welch



Elizabeth Wellman



Carl Whitworth



James Wibble



Gregory Wielogorski



Cheryl Wiggand



Michael Wiggins



Debra Wiles



Susan Williamson



Cindy Wilson



Lori Wilson



Michael Wing



Kathleen Wirtes



Penny Wise



Carol Wright



Robert Wyllie



Elizabeth Wypyszczak



Dianne Xidis



Julie Yankes



Patricia Yugo



Sharon Yurchak



Pamela Zacher



Dana Zaradich



Mark Henrichs

A time it was to find our special way,
To learn the rules that govern life on earth,
To grow in poise and confidence each day,
And weigh our own and every classmate's worth.

A place it was to meet and cherish friends,
To stumble, fall, and rise to start anew,
To work, compete, and earn the dividends
'Mid unconfining walls, in which we grew.

A world it was of victory and pain;
A microcosmic, purpled Pirate globe,
Each day a test, a chance for loss or gain,
A game to play, a concept new to probe.

That treasured time and place, that world appears
When we recall our youthful yesteryears.

Agnes Lynch

Old Days
Good Times I Remember



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Filled With Simple Pleasures



Drive-in Movies
Comic Books And Blue Jeans
Howdy Doody

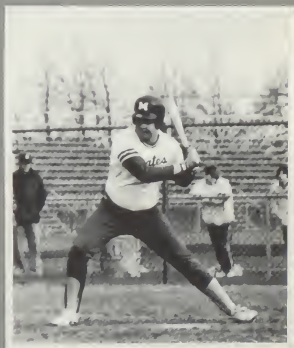


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Take Me Back To A
World Gone Away
Memories, Seems
Like Yesterday



Old Days
Good Times I Remember
Gold Days
Days I'll Always Treasure



Funny Faces



Full Of Love And Laughter
Funny Places



Somehow Nights And Streetcars
Take Me Back To A World Gone Away
Memories, Seems Like Yesterday



Old Days
Good Times I Remember ...



Memories, Seems Like Yesterday ...

At the time it seemed that a normal education was impossible because of the "Communist" suspicion and pressure that followed the "Red-baiting" and by 1950 it was clear that they would leave. The 27 people in these groups represented the best educated in the town of that time. These persons represented the best educated citizens of Mendocillo High School. They thought and acted then better educated than most people outside of it. It is that Mendocillo still stands out as the young genius.

The students never before had alphabetical order. It seemed that school for them was back but it never was. The teachers were excellent during their high school careers.



Barbara Ann



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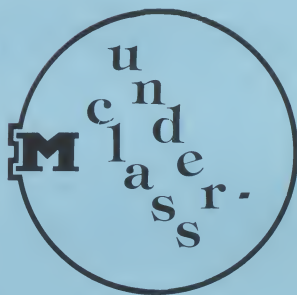
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Excitement of starting high school ... striving to learn new names and strange surroundings ... decorating Homecoming floats ... participating in Spirit Week activities ... election of class officers ... first Prom, and with it a new King and Queen ... working to gain class recognition ... homework, usually left undone ... parties, pep rallies, and the pit ... waiting to finally become upperclassmen ... searching to find a place to be ourselves, while finding our way ...



Ron Abner
 Dan Adams
 Lisa Adams
 Scott Adams
 Leslie Allen
 Kate Anderson
 William Anglin
 Mike Antle
 Mark Antich
 Patricia Arruando
 Steve Ashford
 Barb Ashley
 Mike Ams
 Bob Backlich
 Jeff Bailey
 Robin Balazek
 Jeff Ban
 Todd Banks
 Kim Baraband
 Lisa Barlow
 Robert Barnes
 Jim Barron
 Kathy Bartman
 Dan Barton
 Loree Basile
 Charles Becker
 Roy Becker
 Dave Bedell
 Lori Bell
 Russ Bellamy
 Mark Bergstrom
 Debra Bernick
 Mitch Best
 Ed Betz
 Mary Bielak
 Lisa Bielak
 Bill Bikos
 Ron Blaney
 Blinnhoff
 Brad Bly
 Bob Bogart
 John Bogardus
 Lisa Bonner
 George Bosner
 Bill Brerick
 Sherry Bryn
 Barb Brinen
 Lisa Bronberg
 Greg Brown
 Dan Drago
 Dana Ducho
 Heidi Dugale
 Mike Durrell
 Joe Durkin
 Bruce Gascinski
 Ken Galloway
 Cal Galloway
 Annette Campbell
 Lisa Campbell
 Eden Capuli



CLASS OFFICERS: Corky Christoff, Eden Capuli, Tina Wiggins and Sheri Semplinski (absent).

Margaret Carlson
 David Coleman
 Drew Conley
 Mary Collins
 Margaret Cramer
 Emma Davidson
 Jennifer Davis
 Tammy Davis
 Katherine Decker
 John Decker
 Michelle Decker
 James Decker
 Vicki Decker
 James Decker
 Paul Decker
 Cheryl Decker
 Susan Decker
 John Decker
 Phyllis Decker
 Randy Decker
 Jeff Decker
 Thomas Decker
 Ron Decker
 Ray Decker
 Kelly Decker
 Steve Decker
 Tami Decker
 Kathy Decker
 Tami Decker
 Tom Decker
 Mary Decker
 Don Decker
 Michele Decker
 Dana Decker
 Linda Decker
 David Decker
 Wally Decker
 Kathy Decker
 Debbie Decker
 Lori Decker
 Susan Decker
 Arthur Decker
 Linda Decker
 Kevin Decker
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John Decker
 Susan Decker
 Bill Decker
 Lisa Decker
 Susan Decker

Ken Decker
 Mark Decker
 John Decker
 Susan Decker
 Richard Decker

Bob Decker
 Donald Decker
 Kathy Decker
 Lisa Decker
 Lori Decker



First Period
Mrs. Thompson



Second Period
Mrs. Smith



Third Period
Mrs. Jones



Fourth Period
Mrs. Brown
Mrs. Green
Mrs. White
Mrs. Black
Mrs. Gray
Mrs. Blue
Mrs. Red
Mrs. Yellow
Mrs. Purple
Mrs. Pink
Mrs. Brown
Mrs. Green
Mrs. White
Mrs. Black
Mrs. Gray
Mrs. Blue
Mrs. Red
Mrs. Yellow
Mrs. Purple
Mrs. Pink



Fifth Period
Mrs. Black
Mrs. Gray
Mrs. Blue
Mrs. Red
Mrs. Yellow
Mrs. Purple
Mrs. Pink
Mrs. Brown
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Sixth Period
Mrs. Black
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Seventh Period
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Mrs. Blue
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Mrs. Pink



Eighth Period
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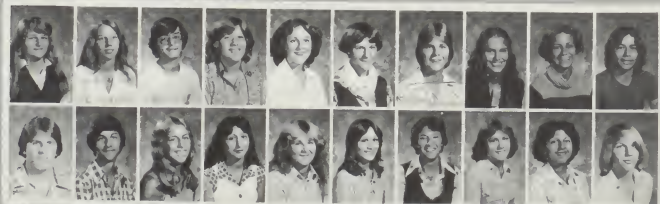




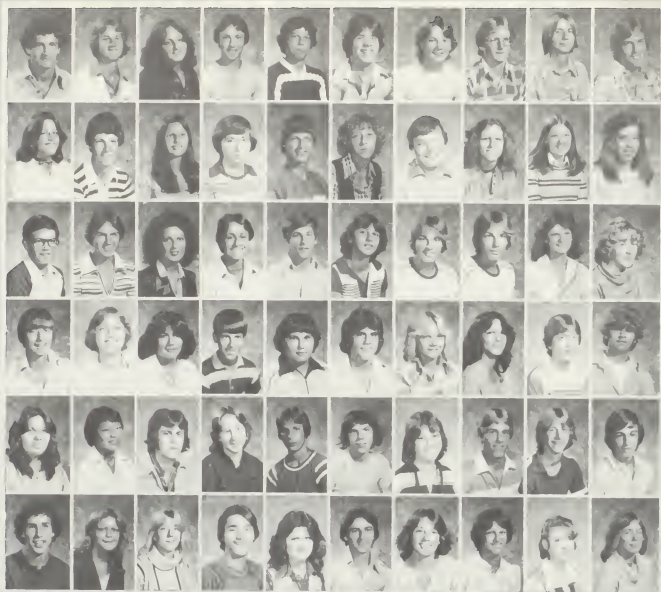


















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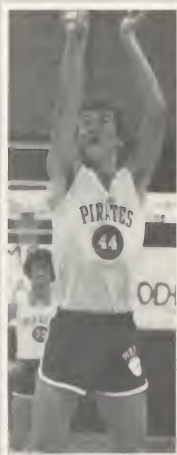
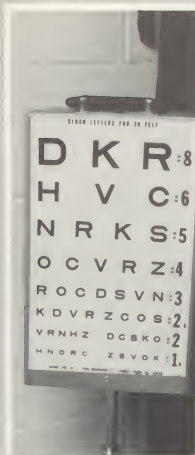
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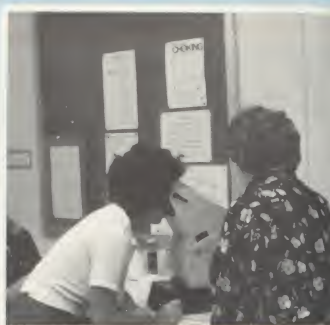






If you have something, set it free.
If it comes back to you, it is yours.
If it doesn't, it never was.







Working on tests far into the night ... facing the challenges of the students, both intellectual and emotional ... making quick judgments ... striving to complete graduate work ... motivating students toward materials that are necessary, yet sometimes drab ... department meetings, school board decisions ... showing spirit when no one feels it ... teachers and administrators, custodians and business staff, all working toward one goal: preparing the student body for their future.



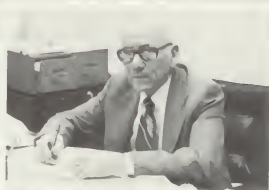
Administration

Paul D. Schuyler's first year at Merrillville as Principal seems to be a success. Mr. Schuyler has a positive attitude toward the future of M.H.S.

He has tried to solve some of the problems of M.H.S. such as moving the smoking area to a more convenient location, making a third lunch line, and having the tele-principal drawing where students are chosen to express their opinions about M.H.S.

Mr. Schuyler has been teaching for an impressive 25 years, along with being an assistant principal.

This year also brought back Marie Spurr who is one of the assistant principals, with John Stone, our other assistant principal.



Robert J. Schrenker
Superintendent



Ted Klooster
Assistant Superintendent



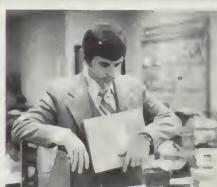
Gordon Lorentz
Director of Building Support Services



Paul Tully
Director of Adult Education



Arty Taseff
Director of Elementary Education



Tom Herbert
Athletic Director

School

Board



Phyllis J. Tully
President

The Merrillville School Board is made up of five members—President, Vice-President, Secretary, and two Members. They are elected by the public to evaluate and improve the school system.

The board meets twice a month. The first meeting is held in the Administrative Building where community members are welcome to express their opinions. The second meeting is held by visiting and evaluating all the other various schools throughout the system.

Other jobs performed by the Board are to review policy, listen to input given by the community, and to better the school system.



Ron E. Jones
Vice President



Eugene P. Carrabine
Secretary



Arthur T. Collins
Member



Maynard A. Krueger
Member

FACULTY

Helps to

DAVE ABRAHAM, B.S. (Ball State University), Industrial Arts, 1 year;
 BEVERLY AMBROZIAK, B.S. (St. Joseph's College), Business, 5 years;
 WILLIAM ARMONTROUT, B.S., M.S. (Indiana State University), Physical Education, 18 years;
 PATRICIA ARMSTRONG, B.S., M.S. (Purdue Calumet University), English, 6 years;
 DAVID BANAS, B.S. (Indiana State University), Science, 4 years;
 DENISE BASHORE, B.S., M.S. (Ball State University), Special Ed., 1 year;
 MARY ANN BERTRAM, B.S., M.S. (Indiana State University), Foreign Language, 9 years;
 ROBBIE BOTHWELL, B.A., M.S. (Indiana State University), Business, 27 years;
 LEALON BOTTOM, B.S. (Purdue University), Industrial Arts, 1 year;
 GRACE BOVARD, B.S., B.A. (Indiana University), Business, 30 years;
 JERRY BRATCHER, B.S., (Ball State University), Science, 1 year;
 LEEANN BROCK, B.S., M.S. (Indiana University), Art, 1 year;
 ROBERT BROWN, B.S., M.A. (Indiana University), Math, 9 years;
 HELEN BRUNTON, B.S., M.S. (Indiana University), Business, 24 years;
 MARGARET BURCHFIELD, B.S. (Indiana University), English, 2 years;
 LEONA BURRUS, B.A., M.A. (Indiana University), Librarian, 20 years;
 PATRICIA CALLENDER, B.S., M.S. (Indiana University), Foreign Language, 11 years;
 THOMAS CAMERON, B.S., M.S. (Indiana University), Physical Education, 6 years;
 CHARLES CARROLL, B.A., M.S. (Purdue University), Special Ed., 7 years;
 CHRIS CHONCOFF, B.A., M.S. (Western Michigan University), Social Studies, 15 years;
 LINDA CHRISTOFF, M.A. (Valparaiso University), English, 1 year;
 JAMES DAILEY, B.S., M.S. (Indiana University), Industrial Arts, 8 yrs.;
 LINDA DAVIS, B.A., M.S. (Purdue University), Senior Counselor, 1 year;
 RICHARD DEMAREE, B.S. (Northwestern University), Social Studies, 33 years;
 CAROLE DILLMAN, B.S., M.S. (Indiana University), Art, 7 years;
 MILES DUNSCOMBE, B.S., M.S. (Purdue University), Science, 13 years;
 RICHARD EBLER, B.S., M.S. (Indiana University), English, 12 years;
 DEBRA ELSER, B.S. (Purdue University), Art, 2 years;
 CLIFFORD FACKLER, B.S., M.S. (Indiana University), Math, 7 years;
 LINDA FRY, B.A., M.A. (Valparaiso University), English, 6 years;
 DREW FURUNESS, B.S., M.S. (Indiana University), Sophomore Counselor, 1 year;
 MARY ANN GALANIS, B.S., M.S. (Indiana University), Social Studies, 10 years;
 RICK GARNER, B.S. (Purdue University), Industrial Arts, 2 years;
 TERRY GLAND, B.S., M.S. (Indiana University), Business, 10 years;
 WILLIAM GREEN, B.S. (Purdue University), Science, 1 year;
 DONNA GUERRERO, B.A., M.A. (Texas State University), English, 14 yrs.;
 RAYMOND HAMILTON, B.A., M.A. (Western Michigan University), Foreign Language, 4 years;
 RICHARD HILL, B.A. (University of Michigan), Math, 10 years;
 MAX HUTCHISON, M.S. (Indiana University), Math, 20 years;
 MARY JEFFRIES, M.A. (Indiana University), Foreign Language, 18 years;
 ALLYN JOHNSON, B.A., M.S. (California State University), Social Studies, 3 years;
 JERROLD KASARDA, A.B., M.S. (Purdue University), English, 13 years;
 FERN KIRTLAND, B.S., M.A. (University of Wisconsin), Home Economics;
 BARBARA KOBY, B.A., M.S. (Indiana University), English, 10 years;
 GLADYS LEAS, B.S., M.A. (Ball State University), Business, 20 years;
 JUDY LEDUC, B.S. (Ball State University), Business, 3 years;
 ELEANOR LEWIS, B.S., M.S. (Indiana University), Art, 14 years;
 SHERMAN LEWIS, B.S., M.A. (Indiana University), Guidance Coordinator, 9 years;
 AGNES LYNCH, B.A., M.A. (Valparaiso University), English, 20 years;
 DIANE MANDON, B.S. (Indiana University), Social Studies, 1 year;
 CAROL MANTAKOUNIS, B.A., M.S. (Indiana University), Social Studies, 1 year;
 SHIRLEY MATYSIAK, B.S., M.S. (Indiana University), Junior Counselor, 8 years;
 LEE MCCLOUD, B.S., M.S. (Indiana University), Physical Education, 7 years.



Dave Abraham



Beverly Ambrozak



William Armontrout



Patricia Armstrong



David Banas



Denise Bashore



Mary Ann Bertram



Robbie Bothwell



Lealon Bottom



Grace Bovard



Jerry Bratcher



Leeann Brock



Robert Brown



Helen Brunton



Margaret Burchfield



Leona Burrus



Patricia Callender



Thomas Cameron



Charles Carroll



Chris Choncoff

Guide

the

Way



Linda Christoff

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Jane Czarnecki



James Dailey



Linda Davis



Richard
Demaree



Carole Dillman



Miles
Dunscombe



Richard Ebler



Debra Elser



Clifford Fackler



Linda Fry



Drew Furuness



Mary Ann
Galanis



Rick Garner



Terry Gland



William Green



Donna Guerrero



Raymond
Hamilton



Richard Hill



Max Hutchison



Mary Jeffries



Allyn Johnson



Jerrold Kasarda



Fern Kirtland



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Florence
Kolodziej



Gladys Leas



Judy Le Duc



Eleanor Lewis



Sherman Lewis



Agnes Lynch



Diane Mandon



Carol
Mantakounis



Shirley
Matysiak



Lee McCloud

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Better



Patricia
Meggenhofen



Frank Meltzer



William Metcalf



Charles Mixell



Daniel Molchan



Jim Moody



Joseph Morrow



Patrick Mulloy



George Novak



Charlotte
Padish



Chirstine Pavel



William Pigg



Delores Poxon



Bernie Putz



Janis Qualizza



Jerauld Reinhart



Diane Rusak



John Seale



Kathleen Seale



Stanley
Semokaitis



Audrey Stringer



Eugene
Talmadge



David Teeter



Steve Telfer



Patricia Tomb



James
Vermillion



Carol Von
Behren



Joyce
Whittemore



Bruce Woods



Genevieve
Wooldridge



Velven
Wooldridge



Boyd Yeoman



Walter
Yovanovich

Learning ...

PATRICIA MEGGENHOFEN, B.A., M.S. (Purdue University), Physical Education, 7 years;
 FRANK MELTZER, B.S. (Canterbury University), Music, 27 years;
 WILLIAM METCALF, B.S., M.S. (Valparaiso University), Physical Education, 19 years;
 CHARLES MIXELL, B.S., M.S. (Indiana University), Business, 8 years;
 DANIEL MOICHAN, B.S., M.S. (Indiana University), Physical Education, 16 years;
 JIM MOODY, B.S. (Indiana University), Social Studies, 1 year;
 JOSEPH MORROW, B.S., M.S. (Indiana University), English, 16 years;
 PATRICK MULLOY, B.S., M.S. (Purdue University), Social Studies, 2 yrs.;
 GEORGE NOVAK, B.S., M.A. (Valparaiso University), Industrial Arts, 15 years;
 CHARLOTTE PADISH, A.B., M.A. (Valparaiso University), English, 8 yrs.;
 CHRISTINE PAVEL, B.S., M.S. (Indiana University), English, 8 yrs.;
 WILLIAM PIGG, B.S., M.S. (Purdue University), Math, 16 years;
 DOLORES POXON, R.N. (St. Mary's Mercy), Nurse, 3 years;
 BERNIE PUTZ, B.S., M.A. (Indiana University), Business, 1 year;
 JANIS QUALIZZA, M.A. (Purdue University), Physical Education, 1 yr.;
 JERAULD REINHART, B.M.E., M.M.E. (Indiana University), Music, 24 yrs.;
 DIANE RUSAK, B.S., M.S. (Purdue University), Physical Education, 6 yrs.;
 JOHN SEALE, B.S., M.S. (Indiana University), Industrial Arts, 1 year;
 KATHLEEN SEALE, B.S., M.S. (Purdue University), Home Economics, 23 yrs.;
 STANLEY SEMOKAITIS, B.S., M.S. (Indiana University), Industrial Arts, 33 years;
 AUDREY STRINGER, B.A. (Indiana University), English, 2 years;
 EUGENE TALMADGE, B.S., M.S. (Valparaiso University), Social Studies, 20 years;
 DAVID TEETER, B.S., M.S. (Purdue University), Industrial Arts, 9 yrs.;
 STEVE TELFER, B.A., M.A. (Ball State University), Business, 1 year;
 PATRICIA TOMB, B.S., M.S. (Indiana University), Music, 1 year;
 JAMES VERMILLION, B.S., M.S. (Purdue University), Science, 19 years;
 CAROL VONBEHREN, B.S., M.S. (Illinois University), Home Economics, 10 years;
 JOYCE WHITTEMORE, B.A., M.A. (Indiana University), Foreign Language, 2 years;
 BRUCE WOODS, B.S., M.S. (Indiana University), English, 8 years;
 GENEVIEVE WOOLDRIDGE, B.S. (Illinois University), Math, 14 years;
 VEVEN WOOLDRIDGE, B.S., M.S. (Purdue University), Audio-Visual, 29 yrs.
 BOYD YEOMAN, B.S., M.S. (Purdue University), Math, 14 years;
 WALTER YOVANOVICH, B.S. (Indiana University), Science, 4 years.



Thank You, Teachers...for



When Mrs. Kirtland came to Merrillville High School at the beginning of second semester (60-61) there were about 850 students. It was very nice; everyone knew everyone else. The main extra curricular activities she has been involved in were Prom sponsor

and bowling. She was head Prom sponsor for at least 8 or 9 of her 18 years here. "From the first, it has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with the members of the Home Ec. department. My friends and acquaintances among the staff will be missed, as I

will miss my many students. Life will be different-but I'm expecting it to be fun," said Mrs. Kirtland.



Mr. Meltzer has been teaching at Merrillville for a total of 27 years. At that time there were approximately 350 high school students, including the ninth grade. Needless to say, many changes and growth have occurred since then. "Our music department has seen tremendous growth and changes;

our facilities are among the finest in the state; we have expanded the curriculum to include music theory and orchestra. It has been a great pleasure to see all of these changes," said Mr. Meltzer. His life has always revolved around MHS. He has felt himself to be a part of the community, and he has

had the pleasure to work with a great group of teachers and students. Mr. Meltzer was quoted as saying, "It has indeed been a satisfying and rewarding experience. Best of luck and continued success to Merrillville High School."

over 100 years total service



Mr. Richard Demaree has taught for a total of 38 years, 33 of those years at Merrillville High School. He started football at Merrillville when there were only 180 students in 4 grades. He was head football coach for 29 years. Mr. Demaree taught and coached in Il-

linois and Ohio before coming to Merrillville. He became Assistant Athletic Director at Merrillville when he retired from coaching. He has taught U.S. History, World History, Government and Economics. He graduated from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illi-

nois. He attended high school in Racine, Wis. and did graduate work at Purdue, I.U., and Akron, Ohio University. He hobbies included travel, sports, painting, and the old West.



Mrs. Helen Brunton has taught school for a total of 36 years, 24 of those years at Merrillville High School. She received her Bachelors degree at Central Normal College in Danville, Indiana, and her Masters degree at Indiana University in Bloomington. Mrs.

Brunton has taught all different kinds of Business courses at Merrillville High School. After retiring, Mrs. Brunton plans to get married and then travel with her new husband. Her hobbies include bowling, golf, and traveling. Mrs. Brunton said that every year at Merril-

ville High School has been a different and new experience in meeting new kids and members of the staff, but I expect my life upon retiring will be even more different and exciting.

Secretaries & Aides

Shirley Barclay— Registrar,
Elizabeth Frasco— Main Office
Secretary, Dorothy Goetze— Of-
fice Manager, Marlene Har-
mon— Main Office Secretary.



Danna Hamoky— Treasurer,
Marguerite Miller— Athletic Sec-
retary, Dorothy Hagan— Guid-
ance Secretary, Barbara Rich-
ter— Guidance Secretary.



Mary Neville— A.V. Secretary,
Jean Smith— A.V. Secretary,
Violet Salich— Library Secre-
tary, Sue Matheus— Offset
Printer.



Mary Rickard— Teacher Aide,
Mary Halkias— Study Hall Aide,
Sandra Borkosj— Reading Aide,
Janet Pennack— Reading Aide.



Patricia Tampkins— Reading
Aide.



Cooks & Custodians



BOTTOM ROW: Angie Napalowski, Barb Allendorf, Arlene Phillips, Sheryl Hamersky, Barb McKay, Diane Nuny, Penny Foster. TOP ROW: Pat Tesanovich, Norma Manis, Mary Corey, Rose Lorenza, Delores Balcerak, Ann Govert, Doris O'Rear, Audrey Franz, Mary Cloyd, Olivia Zindovich, Arline Dymon, Gerry Koch, Marie Bowen.

Anna Ratajec, Frank Perrin,
Frank Shoppa, Evie Reid.



Alvera Boldt, John Mangler, Al
Nault, Ollie Clark.



John Cseke, Jerry Someson.



SENIOR DIRECTORY

A

JOHN ALLENDORF: VarSwim 9.10.11.12;
LimaPres 11.
SOPHIA ANIC: Vbybl 9.10.11; Track 10.11.12;
Lima 11; Pom 12; Pep 12.
MARTYAN ARRENDONDO: Track 10.12; PPfbl
10.11.12.
GAIL ATKINSON: Band 9.10.11.12; Track 9.10.11;
Swim 10.11; NHS 11.12; Gals Side 11; Band-
Sec 11; BandTreas 12; Volls 12.
KATHLEEN AYELOTTE: Choir 9.10.

B

DOUGLAS BADE: Wres 9.10.11.12; Soc 9.10.11.12;
Ger 10.11; SC 12.
JACQUELIN BAILEY: PPfbl 11.12.
SHAUGHNESSY BALLARD: Choir 9.10.11.12;
Vins 12.
JOSEPH BASILE: Hoc 9.10.11.12.
PATRICIA BATTISTINI: (Andean) GAA 9.10;
SC 9.10; PPfbl 9.10; Boost 9; CIsen 9.10; Track
10; HomeComm 10; BandComm 11.
PAMELA BECK: SSS 10; VP 11.12; Ger 10; Treas
10; Pres 12; NHS 12; Non Graded (non-
senior) 12.
LORI BENS: Band 10.11; NHS 11.12; Track
9.10.11.12; French 10.11; NHS 11.12; Track
11.12.
RAYMOND BERGER: Bkbl 9; Flbl 9; Track 9;
Golf 10.12.
BRADLEY BEST: Flbl 9.10.11.12; Bkbl 9.10; Bkbl
9.10.
NANCY BEST: Pep 9.10; SC 10.11.12; NHS 11.12;
Treas 12.
MICHELE BEVERLY: Choir 9.10; NHS 10.11; Soc
12; Revue 10.11; French 10; NHS 11.12; Soph-
Play 10; SC 11.12; FTA 10; Vins 11; Volls 12.
THOMAS BICKEL: Track 9.10.11.12; Wres 9.10;
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MARY BISHOP: PTreas 9; Choir 9.10.11.12; NHS-
BOVA 9.10.11.12; SopbPlay 12; NHS 11.12; SC
11.12; Vins 11; NHS 12; French 12; PPfbl 12;
Vins 12.
SCOTT BLACK: Flbl 9; SC 9.
BRIAN BOWMAN: Flbl 9.10.11.12; Bkbl 9; Track
9.12; Band 9.10.11.12.
DAVID BOWSER: Swim 9.10.11.12; Track
9.10.11.12; Band (pep) 9.10.11.12; Lima 12.
DEBORAH BRADY: Choir 9; Pep 10; NHS 11.12;
CANOJIA BRASICH: GAA 9; Vbybl 9.10.11;
Track & RSMT 9.10; GTreas 10; Revue 10.11;
NHS Gang 10; Span 10.12; Hing 12; Pom 11.12;
NHS 11.12; VP 12; NHS 12.
NANCY BRIDGES: Flbl 9.10.11.12; NHS 11.12;
PlayComm 10; Play 11; SC (Treas) 9.10.11.12;

H

12; Thes 11.12; NHS 11.12; NHS 12;
JEFFERY DANIEL: Flbl 9; Choir 9; Bkbl 9;
APRIL DAVIDHAR: Choir 9.10.11.12; NHS
11.12.
KIMBERLY DAVIS: Swim 9; Ten(mg) 11; NHS
11.12; PPfbl 12.
LESTER DAY: Track 9.10.
TERI DE ST. JEAN: Choir 9; Vbybl 10.11.12; Bkbl
9.10.11.12; Track 9.10.11.12; Lima 9.10.11.12;
DEBORAH DECK: Bkbl 9.10.11.
CYNTHIA DEER: PTreas 9; Choir 9.10.11.12;
MICHAELA ROSA: PPfbl 10; Pep 11;
MICHAEL DEL RUSTO: Band 9.10.11.12; Flbl
9.10.11.12; Wres 9; Track 9.10.11.
JENNY DE LUCENAY: Bkbl 10.11.12; Track
10.11.12.
ANTHONY DEWAR: Swim 10.
KATHY DILLOS: SC 9; Pep 9; SSS 11.
JAMES DIMON: Track & Soc 9.10.11.12; Flbl 9.11;
SC (pep) 9.11; (vp) 12; SpDeb 10; Ger 10; Thes
10.11.12.
WILLIAM DIXON: Golf 9.10.
TAMARIE DOJCE: SC 9.
DEBORAH DOTY: Choir 9.10.11.12;
PENILOPE DUNN: PPfbl 9.10.11.12; SC 11.12;
STEPHANIE DUNCAN: Tennis 9.10.12; Choir
9.10.11.12; Play 10; Thes 10; PPfbl 11.12;
NHS 11.12; Span 12.
KENNETH DYMAN: Swim 9.10.11.12; Band
9.10.11.12; Bkbl 10; Lima 10.11.12.
KAREN DZIADOSZ: GAA 9.

E

JENNIFER ECHTERLING: Choir 9.10.11.12; NHS
11.12.
MARY EICH: Ger 10.11.12; FTA 10.11.12; PPfbl
11; HomPro 11.
DAVID EVANS: Choir 9.11; Wres 10.
TEDD EVANS: Flbl 9; SC 9; Track 11; Choir 11.
KIMBERLY EVANYO: Track 9.10; PPfbl
10.11.12; SC 11.12.

F

BETH FEERST: Choir 9.10.11.12; SC & French 10;
NHS 11.12.
ANGELA FENECK: GAA & French 10.11.12; FTA
11.
PAUL FERNANDO: Track 9.10; RSMT 11; Choir
9.10.11.12.
CAROL FETKAVICH: Chdre 9.10; PPfbl
10.11.12.

M

DEBORAH LUNSFORD: Track 10
JANICE LUPTAK: Track 9.10; Diving 10.11; Pom
10.11; Gym 12.
THOMAS LYNCH: Flbl 9; Track 10.11.12.
JEFF MACK: Flbl 9.11.12; Bkbl 9; Bkbl 9.10.11.12;
Wres 10.
DOUGLAS MADACK: Track 9.10.11.12; CC 10.11.12;
Flbl 9.
LANCE MALLOS: Choir 9.10.11.12; Chess 9.
SHERRI MALOCHA: Ybbl & Choir 9.10; FTA
10.11.12; French 10.11; Vins 11; Volls 11; SC
10.11.12; Span 12; Pep 12; Kwsgr 11.
ATHINA MARGARIS: (Lew Wallace) Bkbl
9.10.11.

MARK MARINELLO: Bkbl 9; CC 9; CIVP 12
JOHN MARJANIAN: Golf 9.10.12.
JEVIN MARKLE: Bkbl 9.10.11.12; Flbl 9; Bkbl
9.10; CC 10.
FRAN MARGOVICH: Chldr 9; PPfbl 11.12; Span
12.
VICTOR MARTINEZ: Flbl 10.11.12; SC 12.
PATRICK MCCARTHY: Track 9; CC 9.
KELLY MCCLURE: Flbl 9.12; Track 9.10; Wres 9.
HOPE McPHERSON: Bkbl 9; NHS 11.12;
SUSAN MESCHERE: Bkbl 9.10.11.12; Track As-
sit 10; PPfbl 11.12; NHS 11.12; Span 12.
MARIANNE METCALF: Pom 10.11.12; Pep
10.11.12; SC 12; PPfbl 12.
NANCY MILAKOVICH: SC 10.12; Pep 12; PPfbl
10.12; HingComm 12.
PAMELA MISHLER: Chldr 9.11.12; Play 10; Track
9; PPfbl 10.11.12; SC 12; French 12.
GRACE MITCHELL: Flbl 9.10.12; NHS 12; Thes 12.
DANIEL MOORE: Flbl 9.10.12; Bkbl 9; Ger 10.
Lima 11.12; NHS 11.12; SC 12.
DOROTHY MORRILL: PPfbl 10.11.12;
DOROTHY MORRILL: Band 9.10; SC 11; NHS 11.12;
MARK MUMAW: Bkbl 9; Swim 9.10.11; Ten
10.11.12.

DANIEL NELSON: Track & PromCrt 11.
DEBORAH NELSON: Ger 11; FHA 11.
THOMAS NELSON: Flbl 9.10.11.12; Bkbl 9.10;
Track 9.
DAVID NOLAN: SC 12.
VICTORIA NONOS: Pep 10.11.12; SC 12; PPfbl
10.11.12.
SANDRA NOWENICK: Swim 9.10.11.12; SC
9.12; Diving 12; Ybk 12.

N

LORI JACKSON: Pom 11.12; Pep 11.12; SC 12;
JEFF JANIZEK: Boy's Town Tutor (Andean)
9.10.
LINDA JAROSKAC: Swim 9.10; Band 9.10.11.12;
Track 10.12; PPfbl 11; CC 12; CLTreas 12;
THOMAS JELESKY: Bkbl 9.10.11.12; Bkbl
9.10.11; Flbl 9.11.12.
CLIFFORD JENKINS: Bkbl 9.10; Track 9; Bkbl
9.10.
STEVEN JOHANSEN: Flbl 9.
PAMELA JOHNSON: Choir 9.10.11.12;
CAROL JONES: SC 9.10.11.12; NHS 10.11.12;
PPfbl 10.12; Choir 9.10.11; NHS 11.12.

Girls Sidel 11: Choir (Treas) 9; (VP) 10; (Lib) 11, 12; NSHS 11, 12; FTA 10, 11; (Treas) 12; This 10; 11, 12; (VP) 11, 12; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; P. NISROVA 11, 12; PPRbl 12; Play 12; CHERYL BROWN: Pom 10, 11, 12; Pp 9, 10, 11, 12; SC 12; CHRIS BROWN: Hoc 11, 12; MARK BROWN: Ftbl 9, 10; Babi 9; Track 9; 10, 11; KEVIN BRUCE: Ftbl 9, 10, 11, 12; Babi 9; Track 9, 10, 11; DESOYAH BUCHHEIMER: Yrk 9; FTA 10, 11; BRIAN BUNCH: (Andean) Bkbl 9; Wres 10; Babi 12; KIM BURKE: PPRbl 10, 12; CHARLES BUSTAMANTE: Track 11, 12; CC 12.

BERNARD CAMPBELL: Chess & Ten 10, 11, 12; Span 12; CAMA CANADY: Swim(diving) 10; DAVID CARICH: Golf 9, 10, 11, 12; JOHN CARL: Ftbl 9; Track 9; Babi 9, 11; Babi 9, 11; Linn 11; JACK CARTER: Ftbl 9; Wres 10; Soc 10; MARY CASH: Ftbl 9; Wres 11; Wres 11, 12; SHERRY CAZANGU: PPRbl 10, 12; ANNETTE CHAROCHAK: Chldr 9; PPRbl 10, 12; SC 11, 12; ROYCE CHENORE: Track 9; Wres 9, 10; Ftbl 9, 10, 11, 12; JEFFERY CHRISTIANA: Band(pap) 9, 10, 11, 12; DANA CIESLAK: Chldr 9, 10, 11, 12; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Velns 12; Span 12; NSHS 11, 12; GEORGE CINKO: Ftbl 9; Ger 10; This 10; NSHS 11, 12; Cal 12; SUSAN CIPOLLENE: SC 9, 10, 11; DEBRA COLEMAN: NISROVA 9; GAA 9; Choir 9; SC 9; Pp 9, 10, 11, 12; Nwpr 10; Pom 10, 11, 12; PPRbl 10, 12; NIS 11, 12; Yrk 12; MICHAEL CORSEY: Track 9; NICHOLAS COSTADAKIS: SC 9, 12; Babi 9, 10, 11, 12; Babi 9, 10, 11, 12; MARK COSTNER: Hoc 10, 11, 12; MARK CZERNOCH: Track 9; Linn 9, 10; Swim 9, 10; PPRbl 10, 11.

DAVID DAKICH: Ftbl 9, 10; Wres 9; Track 9, 10; Play 10; This 10, 11, 12; Rvns 9, 10, 11, 12; MARY ANNE DALTON: Nwpr 9; RSMT 9, 10, 11; Band (dnp) 10, 11, 12; Span 10; (pres) 11; (Hnt)

MAJORIE FIELDS: French 10; (vp) 11; VERNONICA FIGUEROA: Pom 10, 11; (cap) 12; Pp 10, 11, 12; SC 12; Span 12; ROCHELLE FOREMSKI: Chess 9; SC 11; RONNY FRANK: Swim 9, 10, 11; BRUNO FRENCH: PPRbl 11, 12; PPRbl 11, 12; FRENCH: Bkbl 9, 10, 11; PPRbl 11, 12; KAREN FYRER: SSS 11; LAURA FYRER: Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; TODD FULLER: Track 9; Soc 9; CC 9, 10, 11; Hoc 10, 11, 12; GREGORY FUNK: Swim 9; SC & Span 10, 11, 12; NSHS 12.

RALPH GAGLIARDI: Babi 9; Wres 9, 10, 11; Yrk 12; CHRISTINE GALLATIS: Track 9; PPRbl 10, 11, 12; MARY BETH GAVELK: Track 9; Choir 9, 10, 11; Yrk 12; Chldr 9, 10, 11, 12; PPRbl 10, 11, 12; GWP 11; Yrk 12; JOHN GARDNER: Ftbl 9, 10; Swim 9, 10; Linn 10; Golf 9, 10, 11, 12; ANGIE GERODEMOS: Choir 9; Chldr 9; PPRbl 10, 11, 12; PromComm 11; HmcComm 11, 12; MICHAEL GESKE: Band 9, 10, 11, 12; SC 10; NSHS (vp) 11, 12; Boys 8; Del 11; ALVIN GIBBONS: Swim 10; MAX GILL: Babi 9; Wres 9, 12; Ftbl 9, 10, 11, 12; RENE GILL: Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; LYNN GILLESPIE: SC 11, 12; MARK GIOLAS: CC 9; Yrk 9, 12; Span 10, 11; (pres) 12; NSHS 12; BARNEY GLASS: (mgr) swim 10; PlayComm 10, 11.

MICHELLE GODOCIC: (sest. coach) PPRbl 11; Yrk 12; KATHY GONZALEZ: Pp 10; SC 11, 12; FTA 12; SARA GONZALEZ: Span 12; NSHS 12; DONALD GORDAS: Track 9; CC 10, 11; LORI GRABEK: Play 10; Choir 9, 10, 11; This 10, 11, 12; SC 10, 11; (pres) 12; PPRbl 10, 11, 12; Velns 11; Pom 12; KAREN GRAVES: Yrk 9; This 10; Play 10; Ten 10, 11; PPRbl 11, 12; JAMICE GRAY: SC 12; MICHAEL GRECO: Ftbl 9; Track 9, 10, 11; Yrk 12; JESSIE GRUBER: Sciences 9; LEANNE GUAR: Chess 9; SC 11, 12; NSHS 11, 12; DONALD GUERNSEY: (Andean) Ftbl Wres 12; Track & Ftbl 12; (M-ville) Ftbl 12; Linn 11, 12; MARA GULLIVER: (Griffith) Track 9; Vlybl 9; Exec. Council 10, 11; MICHAEL GUTJAHR: Yrk 9.

DAVID JONES: Ftbl 9, 10, 11, 12; Babi 9; Babi 9; PATTHANN JONASAS: PPRbl 10, 11, 12; SC 12; JULIOVICH FTA 10; NSHS 11, 12; NSH 11, 12; SANDRA JOHNSTON: NSHS 11, 12.

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MARY OLJACE: SC 9, 12; PPRbl 10, 11, 12; GAA 9

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SENIOR DIRECTORY

S

SHERYL SALAPSKI: Choir 9; PPFbl 12.
LISA SALIWONCZYK: Pep 11; Pom 11; PPFbl 12.
GEORGE SARIKOS: Track 9, 10, 11; Chess 9; Ten 10; Fbl 11; Linn 11, 12; NHS 11, 12.

LISA SASSER: Choir 9, 11.

WALTER SCHAFER: Choir 9, 10, 11, 12.

TERESE SCHAMM: Prins 9; Vyb/Sat 10; Vlns 11.

TERESE SCHREIBER: Choir 10.

TERENCE SCHUSTER: Track 9, 10, 11, 12; CC 12.

DEBORAH SCOTT: GAA & Vyb 10, 11, 12; SSS 12.

SANDRA SEKERZ: Swim 9, 10; Band 9; Ten 10, 11, 12; Gym 10, 11, 12; Pom 11, 12; Pep 11, 12.

NJOSH SHARPE: Swim 9, 10, 11.

JILL SHELL: Choir 9, 10, 11; SC 12; PPFbl 12; Yrbk 12.

MARY SHERMAN: Play 10; Choir 11; SC 11.

STEVEN SHOTTS: SC 9.

DERONAH SHUDICK: Swim 10; SC 10, 11, 12; Ten 10.

SAMUEL SHULTZ: Fbl & Wres 10.

STEVEN SHUMAN: Yrbk 9; Chess 9; CC 9.

French 10, 11, 12; Science 11, 12; NHS 11, 12.

JINX SIKORA: Gym 9, 10, 11, 12; PPFbl 10; Golf 11, 12; Linn 11.

KENNETH SIRKO: Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Soc & Track 10, 11.

NICHOLAS SKAROLIS: Track 9, 10, 11.

DOUGLAS SMITH: Fbl 9, 10; Bskt 9, 10, 11, 12; Bskl 9, 10, 11, 12.

JUDITH SNOW: Choir 10, 11; PPFbl 10.

IRENE SOLON: PPFbl 12.

ROBERT SOOHEY: Fbl 9, 10, 11, 12; Bskl 9, 10; Bskl 9, 10, 11, 12; Ger & Linn 12; SC 10.

JOHN SOWLES: Chess 9.

KEVIN SPADONE: Bskl 9, 10, 11, 12; Wres 10; Fbl 12.

SUSAN SPANGLER: Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; PPFbl 12.

BRUCE SPIRES: CC 12, 13; NHS 11, 12; Bskl 9.

KEVIN SPIRES: Fbl 9, 10; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Wres 9, 11.

ALBERT STAZINSKI: Fbl 9, 10, 11, 12; Wres 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10; Linn 12.

STEPHANIE STEVENS: Gym 9, 10, 11, 12; Choir 9; Yrbk 9; Pom 12; SC 11, 12.

MARIE STOCKLER: Span 12.

NANCY STEPHENS: Span 10; Pep 10.

LEIGH STOUT: SC 9, 10, 11, 12; PPFbl 10, 11, 12.

KATHLEEN STUBBS: Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; SC 11, 12; Divng 11, 12; CTras 11.

W

KATHLEEN WADELOW: FHA 10; FTA 11.
ROBYN WAITE: Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; SC 12.

ROBERT WALKER: Wres 9.

JORIS WALLACE: Track 9, 10, 11, 12; CC 10, 11, 12; Wres 11, 12.

DAVID WARREN: Wres 10.

DERALD WEINBERG: Yrbk 11, 12.

JAMES WIBLE: Swim 9, 10, 11, 12; Linn 10, 11, 12.

GREGORY WIELOORSKI: Fbl 9, 10; Wres 9.

Track 9, 10, 11, 12; CC 12.

CHERYL WIGGAND: Choir 9; Pom 10, 11, 12.

PPFbl 10, 11, 12; Pep 10, 11, 12.

SCOTT WIGGINS: Track 9, 11, 12; Fbl 9, 10, 11, 12.

Wres 10, 11, 12; NHS 11, 12.

DEBBIE WILES: Child 9; Prins 9; Track 9; Choir 9, 10, 11; CSSec 10; NHS 11, 12; Ger 12.

SUSAN WILLIAMSON: Prins & Track 9, 10; SC 9, 12; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; PPFbl 10, 11, 12; Play 10.

LORI WILSON: Band 9, 10; FTA 10; PPFbl 10; SC 11; Span 12; NHS 12.

MICHAEL WING: Swim 9, 10, 11, 12.

KATHLEEN WIRTES: SC 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9.

Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Span 10, 11; PPFbl 12.

Wres 10, 11, 12; NHS 11, 12.

CAROL WRIGHT: French 10, 11, 12; Pep 10; Track 11, 12; FTA 11, 12; Golf 11, 12; SC 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; Yrbk 12.

ELIZABETH WYPYSZEYAK: Bskl 9, 10; FTA 10.

Ger 10; PPFbl 10, 11.

X

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Y

SHARON YURCHAK: Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; FHA 10, 11, 12; SSS 10, 11, 12.

Z

DANA ZARADICH: SSS 10, 11, 12; Swim 11, 12.

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ROBIN SUM: Ten 10.11.
TERESA SWEAT: PPFbl 10.11.12; NHS 11.12; SC 12.
JOHN SZAFRANSKI: Fbl (mgr) 10.11; Wres (mgr) 10.

CLAUDIA TALLEY: Track 10.11; PPFbl 10.11.12; Vjbl 12.
KELLY THOMPSON: Swim 9; Track 10; Pom 11.12; PPFbl 10.11.12; Pep 11.12; Yrbk 12.

CHARLES THOMAS: Track 9.
LYNN THOMAS: GAA 9; SC 9; Diving 11.12; Pom 12.

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MICHAEL TIMMINS: Wres 9.10.
SUSAN TIPTON: Choir 9.11; SC 9.11.12; Track 9.10; Pms 9; PPFbl 10.11.12; Vrms 12.



TIMOTHY TROCHA: Bskbl 9; Golf 9.10.11.12.
PATRICIA TRUCHAN: Pom 10.11.12; SC 12.
ROGER TUCHEK: Velms 3.10.11.12; Fbl 9.10; Band 9.10.11.12; RSMT 9.10.11.12; Thes 10.11.12; Play 10; JrsPlayComm 10; Review 10.11.12; SupJrsPlayComm 11.12; SC 12.



RAMONA URBAN: Yrbk 9; SSS 11.12.
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KATHLEEN UTTHENWOLDT: French 10; Choir 10.11; Play 10; SC 11; NHS 11.12.



PHILIP VACLAVIK: Soc 9.10.11.12; Camera 9; Ten 11; Yrbk 12.
SHEILA VALLE: Band 9.10.11.12; FTA 10; Span 10.11.12; NHS 11.12; NHS 11.12; SC 12.
KIRK VICKROY: Fbl 9.10.11.12; Bskbl 9; Track 9.11.12; Bskbl 9; Swim 10.11.12; Thes 10.11.12; Wres 10.11.12; NHS 11.12.
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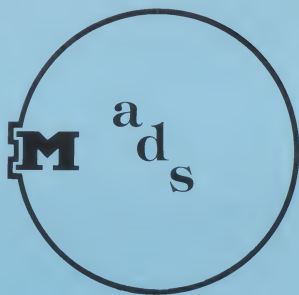
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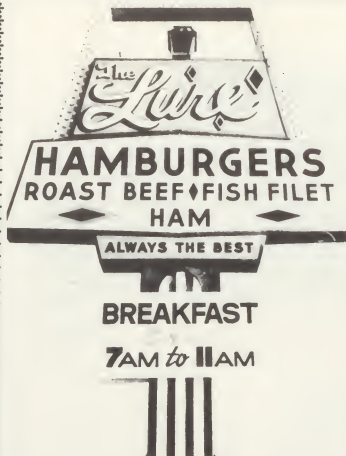
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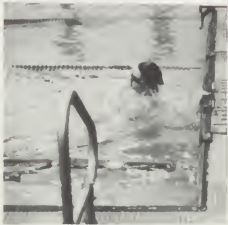
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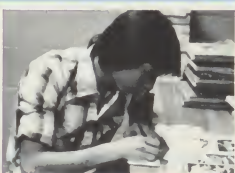
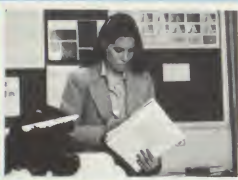
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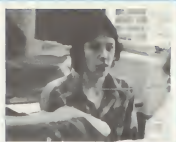
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